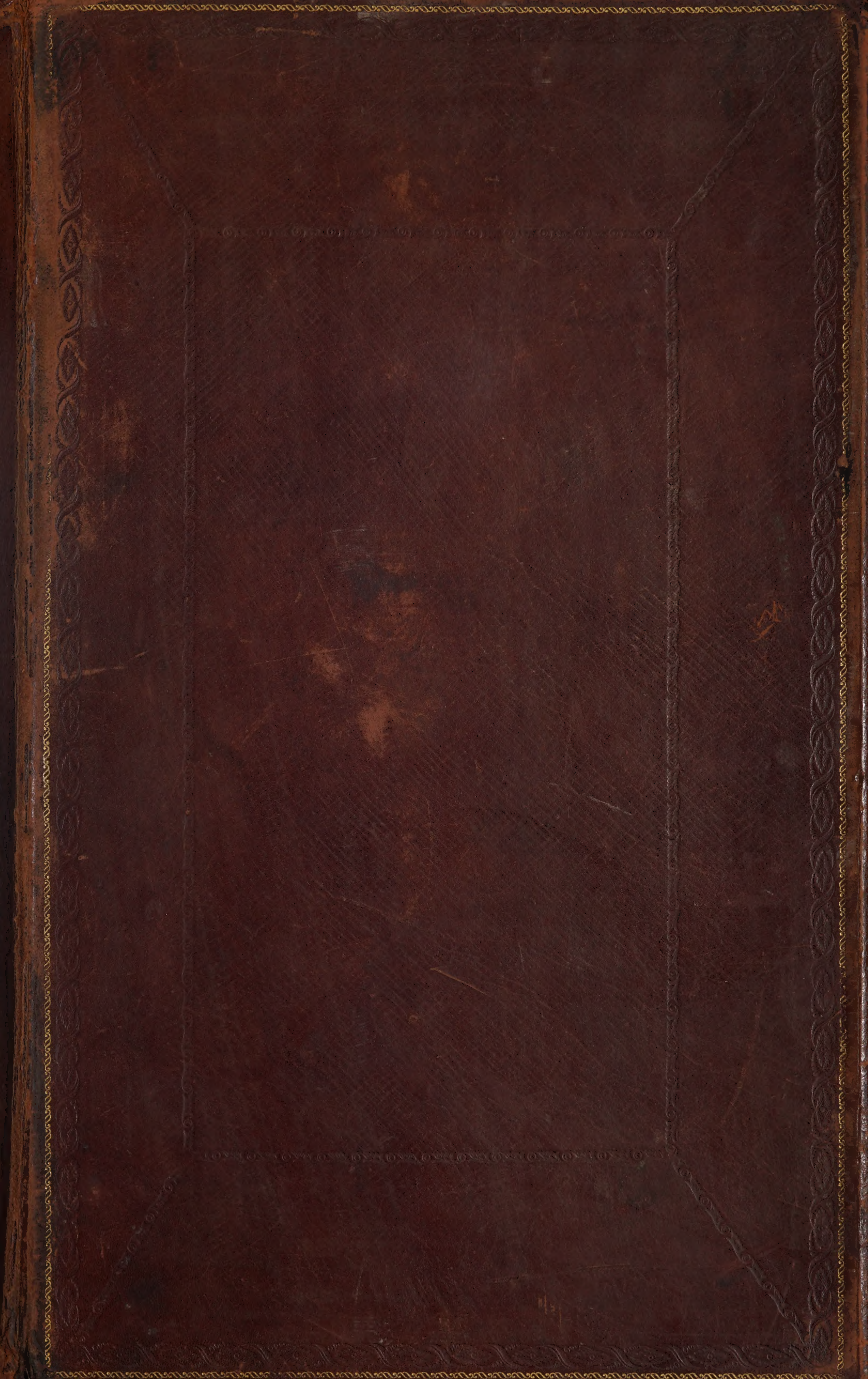

Sandwich Quar. Meet.

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4.7.1842–4.7.1887.

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

Sandwich Quarterly meeting

11mo. 7th. 1842.

1850	1851	1852			1854 minutes 450	1854 Epistles 600	1855 Min.	1855 Epis.	1858 Epis	
85	60	85 ✓	40	55 ✓	75	[illegible]	75	90	90 ✓	80
75	50	75 ✓	35	40 ✓	60	[illegible]	60	80	80	60
190	140	182 ✓	77	112 ✓	150	200	175	210	220 ✓	200 ✓
140	100	140	65	85 ✓	110	150	125	150	150 ✓	150 ✓
30	15	25	10	16	15	25	20	20	20 ✓	20 ✓
50	30	50	15	25 ✓	30	45	25	50	60 ✓	25 ✓
590	395	557	242	333	440		480	600	620	590

1864	minutes	Ep Mtg womens do	1865 Epistles	1865 minute
Darth	70	50	80	70
Westp	40	20	45	40
NB	210	110	210	220
Sand	140	90	150	130
Pem	20	15	25	20
Nowt	20	15	20	20
	500	300	530	500

Division of documents in 1868 / 1869

		1869
Sandwich	25 per Ct.	25 per ct
Pembroke	5 " "	4
Dartmouth	15 " "	15
Westport	10 " "	10
New Bedford	45 " "	46
		100

1870 Same

Division of documents in 1873

Sandwich	27 per Ct	360 minutes – is	97
Pembroke	2 " "	" "	43
Dartmouth	12 " "	" "	35
Westport	10 " "	" "	178
New Bedford	49 " "		
	100		

Proposed arrangement of Quarterly meetings

Sandwich	last Fifth Day in the	12th 4 7th & 9th months
R. Island	first Fifth Day in the	1st 5th 8 & 10th mo.
Smithfield	second "	" Same months
Salem	third "	Same
Dover	fourth "	Same
Falmo	first "	2d 6. 9th & 11 mo.
Fairfield	fourth day before the second fifth day }	Same mo.
Vassalboro.	Sixth day after the second fifth day }	Same mo.

Qr Meeting Stock

1867 - 12 month -

Sandwich - 13 per Ct
Pembroke - 2 - -
Dartmouth - 13 - -
Westport - 4 - -
New Bedford - 68
100

Quarterly Meeting Stock - 7 mo 3. 1873
New Division

Sandwich - 14 per Ct
Pembroke - 2 - -
Dartmouth - 10 - -
Westport - 6 - -
N Bedford - 68 -
100

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford the 7th. of 11th. mo. 1842. 11 mo 1842

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from.

Sandwich; Daniel Swift Nathan Wing Zeno Kelley
Pembroke, Calvin Shepard Edward P. Little
Nantucket, Benjamin Gardner Cromwell
Barnard Laban Paddock
Dartmouth, Warren Gifford Benjn Tucker
Seth Davis
Westport, John Macomber Isaac Macomber
Stephen Allen
New Bedford; Job Eddy Francis Taber
John Howland Jr.

Who are all present

The representatives having proposed George W. Baker for Clerk and William C. Taber for assistant Clerk of this meeting. said proposition was united with and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

Information was received that all our monthly meetings have paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read with answers from our several monthly meetings, from which the annexed General answers were compiled and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly meeting. Query

The following account to the Yearly meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

"To our next yearly meeting to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends

Extracts from the minutes of

11 mo 1842 our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding school committee, also the London general Epistle of last year have been received and read in this and copies forwarded to our several Monthly meetings

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our several Monthly meetings, from which the annexed summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to you.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting.

Rep. to Y. M. We appoint Barnabas Ewer, Zeno Kelley, Daniel Swift, Peleg Mitchell, Isaac R. Gifford, Edward S. Little, Joseph Gifford, Cromwell Barnard & John Potter our representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford the 7th of 11 mo. 1842.

Geo. W. Baker, Clerk

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 7th mo. next at Nantucket

Geo. W. Baker Clerk

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

Answers to Queries 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; those on first days by most of our members, yet a few are deficient herein; midweek meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. A few not wholly clear from sleeping. Generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care has been extended.

2nd. Love and Unity are maintained by most friends who endeavour to guard against detraction, while others are not sufficiently careful in these respects; endeavours are used to end differences.

3. A concern is manifested by many friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness & to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupting conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves, but much deficiency is apparent with others in these respects. The holy scriptures we believe are frequently read in the families of friends.

4 mo 1842
Answers
to
Queries

4th. We believe friends are careful with a few exceptions in which cases some labor has been extended to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns; other places of public resort not so carefully guarded against by some as would be best. A good degree of moderation appears generally to be observed on the occasions referred to.

5th. We know not but clear except some instances in our monthly meeting of placing children in unsuitable situations.

6th. A considerable number of friends appear to be concerned to maintain our testimonies in regard to marriage, while others particularly the young and unmarried manifest but little regard for the discipline in these respects.

7th. Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects, with a few exceptions, in which we think our testimony to a free gospel ministry has not been fully supported. Some care extended.

8th. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, yet we fear there is some neglect with a few in the seasonable inspection of their affairs and settlement of accounts.

9th. Marriage certificates are all recorded. Births and deaths nearly all. A few removals without certificate, most of which are under notice.

10th. Friends are mostly careful to deal with offenders in a good degree as required, though it may not be in all cases so seasonably as would be best. endeavors are used to place judgement when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline.

7m: 1842 At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at Nantucket 7th of 7th m: 1842.

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings, the representatives therein named to this meeting are, from
Sandwich, Newell Hoxie David Kelley Jos. Wing
Pembroke, Calvin Shepard Otis Ellis
Nantucket, Hezekiah Barnard Benjamin Gardner
Kimball Starbuck
Dartmouth, William Potter Isaac K. Gifford Abm Russell
Westport, John Potter Daniel B. Anthony Stephen Allen
New Bedford, Joseph Davis Josiah Holmes Jun. John
Howland
Who were all present

The representatives to the yearly meeting report that they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of our last yearly meeting that our proportion of stock concluded to be raised by that meeting the present year is three hundred & sixty dollars, which our treasurer is requested to pay to the treasurer of that meeting.

The Auditors report that they have settled with the treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of fifty three dollars and fifty eight cents.

The representatives proposed that four hundred dollars be raised for the service of the meeting the ensuing year, and that it be apportioned as heretofore, with the exception, that two per cent be taken from Westport and the same added to Dartmouth monthly meeting. Which was united with and our monthly meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer. The proportions are as follows viz.

Sandwich Mo. Meeting	14 %.	56.–
Pembroke "	4 %.	16.–
		72.–

		brot. up	72.–
Nantucket	"	20 %	80.–
Dartmouth	"	17 %	68.–
Westport	"	12 %	48.–
New Bedford	"	33 %	132.–
			$400.–

7mo. 1842

The Queries were read with answers from our several monthly meetings to the 1st. 2d. & 10th.

An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting embracing the report of the boarding school committee was received and read and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

An epistolary communication from our last Yearly meeting addressed to Quarterly Monthly and Preparative meetings and members, was also received and read to satisfaction, and copies directed to be forwarded to the several mo. meetings.

Our esteemed friend Benoni Sprague from [illegible] Monthly meeting state of New York with a certificate of the unity of that meeting with his ministry and present religious engagements, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends Anna Thornburg from Walnut Ridge monthly meeting state of Indiana Sybil Jones and Ann Jones from China monthly meeting state of Maine, with certificates of the unity of those meetings with their ministry and present religious engagements, have attended this meeting and several of the monthly and most of the particular meetings composing it, in which their company and religious services have been acceptable.

The company of our friends Thomas Hill and Dinah Gardner of Walnut Ridge mo. meeting companions to Anna Thornburgh and of Cyrus Jones of China

7mo 1842 Monthly meeting companion to Sybil Jones have been acceptable to us. And the Clerk was directed to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each respectively.

The business brot. before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 10mo next at Sandwich

Geo. W. Baker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 6th of 10th mo: 1842

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings, the representatives therein named to this meeting are, from

Sandwich: Ebenezer Wing, David Kelley, Sewell Hoxie
Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd Simeon Howe.
Nantucket William Paddock Heman Crocker
James Austin
Dartmouth, Caleb Slade Joshua W. Gifford Abram Russell
Westport. John N. Gifford John Macomber
& Peleg Wilbur
New Bedford: George Howland, Sands Wing &
Timothy Wilbur

Who are all present but three, and information was received that two of whom were prevented from being present by sickness.

The queries were read with answers from the several Monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Our Esteemed friend Thomas Anthony from Greenwich Monthly meeting with a certificate of the unity of that meeting with his ministry and present religious concern attended this meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Anna Cates from Vassalborough Monthly meeting with a certificate of the unity of that meeting with her ministry and present religious engagements attended this meeting and most of the meetings within our limits. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Huldah B. Hoag from Sandwich Mo. Meeting State of New Hampshire attended this meeting with a certificate of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our friends Edmund Cates and [illegible] Gardner companions to our friend Anna Coates have been acceptably with us at this time.

The Clerk was directed to furnish our friends with minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each respectively and sign them on our behalf.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again in the 12 m. next, at N. Bedford.

Geo. W. Baker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 1st of 12th. mo. 1842. Accounts were received from all our monthly meetings; the representatives therein named to this meeting were as follows:

Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman [illegible] Wing [illegible] Akin,
Pembroke, Samuel Brown Edward P. [illegible],
Nantucket, Isaac Mitchell Cromwell Barnard Benjamin Gardner,
Dartmouth, George Allen Benj. Tilley Elis Slocum,
Westport, John Macomber Peter [illegible] Daniel B. Anthony,
New Bedford, Seth C. Hiller William R. Taber Barnabas Taber Reuben Russell, who were all present.

The Queries were read with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st. 2d. & 10th.

The London Epistle of the present year was read to our satisfaction.

Our esteemed friends Daniel Clapp of Uxbridge Monthly meeting, Newell Ordway of Seabrook Mo. Meeting, Samuel R. Tobey of Providence Monthly meeting with certificates of the unity of their respective meetings with their ministry and present religious engagements attended this meeting. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader attended this meeting with a certificate of the unity of Providence Monthly meeting with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable.

The company of our friend Oliver S. Rogers companion to Newell Ordway has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends now with us with minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each respectively and sign them on our behalf.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 4th. Mo. next at this place

Geo. W. Baker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 6th of 4th mo. 1843.

Accounts were received from all our monthly meetings from which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz from Sandwich, Zeno Kelley Joshua Wing Newell Hoxie Pembroke, Moses R. Rogers Joseph K. Shepard Nantucket Jonathan Swain John Paddock Peleg Mitchell

Dartmouth, Geo. Smith, Corn.s Kirby Isaac K. Gifford
Westport. Stephen Allen John Macomber Peter
Cornell
New Bedford, Barnabas Taber Job Eddy &
Joseph W. Davis
Who are all present.

The time having expired in which the Clerks were appointed, the representatives proposed George W. Baker for Clerk and William C. Taber for Assistant Clerk. The proposition was united with and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

The Queries were read with answers from all our Monthly meetings. From which the annexed general answers were compiled & directed to be forwarded to the ensuing yearly meeting.

The following account to the Yearly meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerks.

"To the Yearly meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends

An Epistolary communication from your last meeting, with extracts from the minutes embracing the report of the boarding school Committee were received and read in this meeting and copies thereof forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly meetings and the annexed summary compiled therefrom directed to be forwarded to you.

We appoint Jonathan Swain Seth Davis

George Howland Jr, Mary Francis Taber Isaac R. Gifford John Macomber Moses H. Rogers & Zeno Kelley are representatives to your meeting

Signed in behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 6th of 4th mo. 1843."

[illegible] Clerk

Summary of the answers to the queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on first days generally by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are neglected by a considerable number. The hour is nearly observed. A few not wholly preserved from sleeping. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some labor has been extended.

2d. We believe that most friends are endeavoring to maintain love & unity and to guard against detraction. yet that too many are wanting in these respects is apparent from their unfaithfulness in the support of many of our christian testimonies. Endeavours are used to end differences when they arise

3d. A concern is manifested by many friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness; and are in good degree exemplary therein themselves. They are also concerned to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupting conversation. Yet others do not appear to be sufficiently engaged in these respects; and we fear that the subject of improper books does not generally receive the degree of consideration that it merits. We believe the Holy scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th. We believe friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes with a few exceptions in one monthly meeting and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns. Other places of public resort not so carefully guarded against by some as would be best. Moderation appears generally to be observed on the occasions referred to.

5th Clear as far as appears except some instances in one Monthly meeting of placing children in unsuitable situations.

6th Most parents appear to be concerned to maintain our testimonies in regard to marriage while others with many of the young and unmarried do not manifest a sufficient regard for the discipline in this respect.

7th Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects, with a few exceptions in which our testimony to a free gospel ministry has not been fully supported. Some care extended.

8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances. yet not without some exceptions.

9th Marriage certificates are all recorded. Births and deaths nearly all. A few removals without certificates. most of which are under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried though it may not be in all cases so seasonable as would be best. And endeavors are used to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 7th Mo: next at Nantucket

Geo. W. Barker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 6th of 7th Mo 1843

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting: from

Sandwich Ebenezer Wing David Kelley Stephen Swift
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Miles F. Rodgers
Nantucket Benjamin Gardner [illegible] William Hussey
Dartm: Nathan Davis, Jas Tucker, Wm Russell, Chs Slocum
Westport John Macomber John W Gifford Wm Potter
New Bedford Wm Eddy Jun: Peter Howland

who are all present

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended

We are informed by a minute of the last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of Stock to be raised by that Meeting for the present year is three hundred sixty dollars. And our Treasurer is requested to pay that sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting when the state of the treasury will admit of it.

The Auditors report that they have settled with the Treasurer of this Meeting and find a balance in his hands of ten dollars and one cent.

The Representatives who have had that subject under consideration proposed that four hundred dollars be raised for the service of this Meeting the ensuing year to be apportioned as heretofore with the exception that one per cent is to be taken from Westport Monthly Meeting and placed to that of Dartmouth. The proposition was united with and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment

The Queries were read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Our esteemed friend Rachel W Jones from China Monthly Meeting with a certificate of the unity of that Meeting and her ministry and present religious engagements attended this meeting and also most of the meetings within our limits,— her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The company of our friend Stephen Jones Jr who accompanies his wife with a minute from the same meeting in her present religious visit among us has been acceptable to us at this time. And the clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of the above and sign them on our behalf

An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read to our satisfaction and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 10th Month next at Sandwich

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo 5th 1843

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz from

Sandwich —	Moses Swift David Akin Chs. Gifford
Pembroke	Moses [illegible] Rodgers Joseph [illegible] Shepherd
Nantucket —	John Paddack Benjn Gardner Peleg Mitchell
Dartmouth	Wm. Potter Jos. Gifford Seth Davis
Westport —	Stephen Allen Samuel Smith John Gifford 3d

New Bedford Saml Taber Rob Gibbs Wm C Taber
Benjamin Swift

who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned

The station of Clerk of this meeting being vacant by the decease of our late esteemed friend Geo. W Baker Wm C Taber is appointed to act as clerk and Peleg Mitchell as assistant Clerk until the 4th month next or till another is appointed.

Our esteemed friends Mary B. Allen of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth Wing of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and Anna A. Jenkins of Providence Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and produced satisfactory minutes expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the women's meeting in furnishing them respectively with minutes embracing the substance of this

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. The deficiencies therein noted, particularly in relation to the attendance of our religious meetings elicited some feeling remarks and much weighty exhortation to a more careful performance of this religious duty.

We have received at this time copies of an Essay on some of the prominent doctrines and testimonies of Friends issued by our last Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to forward them in the usual proportions to our several Monthly Meetings

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford

Wm C. Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12 mo 1843

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich David Kelley, Charles Gifford, Newell Hoxie.
Pembroke. Otis Ellis Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket. Peace Gardner Isaac Mitchell John Paddack
Dartmo. Warren Gifford, Thomas R Wilbur Benj. Sidley
Westport John Potter Wm Howland Thos W. Gifford
New Bedford Amasiah Delano Rufus Sherman & Wm Tallman
who are all present:

Our esteemed friends Daniel Clapp of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting — Chs Coffin of Sidney Monthly Meeting and Lindley M Hoag of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, New Hampshire attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements — Their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens meeting in furnishing them respectively with minutes embracing the substance of this.

The company of our friend Edward Foster companion to our friend Daniel Clapp has also been acceptable to us.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The London general Epistle of the present year was received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction and the Clerk is directed to forward the usual number of copies to our several monthly Meetings.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 4 mo next at this place

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 14 mo 4th 1844.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Nathan Wing Zeno Kelly and Sewell Hoxie.

Pembroke Saml Brown Moses Rodman
Nantucket Benj Barney Nathan Paddack, Jno Austin
Dartmo. Benj Tucker Isaac Lawrence Seth Davis
Westport Peleg Wilbour, Stephen Allen Isaac Macomber
New Bedford Saml Taber Amaziah Delano Wm C. Taber Josiah Holmes Jr

who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk of this were appointed having expired Wm C. Taber is appointed Clerk and Sewell Hoxie assistant Clerk for the year ensuing or till another appointment.

Our beloved friend John Pease of Great Britain attended this meeting and presented certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Darlington, the Quarterly Meeting of Durham and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London expressive of their unity and sympathy with his ministry and present religious engagements His company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us

Our beloved friends Thomas Anthony of Greenwich Monthly Meeting and Charles Taber of Farnham Mo. Meeting and Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes embracing the substance of this.

The company of our friends Marmaduke C. Cope companion to John Pease and Paul Southwick companion to Charles Taber has been also acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute.

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Ruth H Baker.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings fromwhich a summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

All our Monthly Meetings inform that their respective proportions of Stock have been paid to our Treasurer.

Samuel Gifford, Benjn Taber, John Howland, Isaac H Gifford, Calvin Shepherd, Prince Gardner, Cromwell Barnard, John Potter & Isaac Lawrence are appointed Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

We are informed that our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk: viz

"To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends

An extract from the minutes of your last meeting together with the Report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read in this Meeting and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. Copies of an Essay on some of the prominent doctrines and testimonies of Friends were also received and directed to be distributed

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer

Our beloved friend John Pease of Great Britain attended this meeting and presented certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Darlington, the Quarterly Meeting of Durham and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London expressive of their unity and sympathy with his ministry and present religious engagements:— His company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us

We appoint Lemuel Gifford Saml. Taber, John Howland Isaac W. Gifford Calvin Shepherd Prince Gardner, Cromwell Barnard John Potter and Isaac Lawrence representatives to your meeting

We have united with Sandwich Mo. Meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Ruth H Baker of Yarmouth.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which a summary was compiled and directed to you by our representatives

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford
4mo 4 1844 Wm. C. Taber, Clerk."

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meetg in setting our beloved friend Susan Howland at liberty to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York and also to pay a religious visit to such of the Meetings and families of Friends within the limits of Westbury Quarterly Meeting as way may open for as expressed in a minute furnished her by that Monthly Meeting and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished, we conclude; proposing to meet again in the Seventh month next at Nantucket.

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk

Summary of Answers forwarded to Yearly Meet.g

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and those held on First days by most of our members, yet there is some deficiency herein. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are not so well attended. The hour is nearly observed. Some appearance of sleeping in a few at times. Of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear. Some care has been extended.

2d. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained by most Friends. Detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavours are used to end differences.

3d. A concern appears to rest on the minds of a considerable number of friends among us to bring up those under their care in plainness as queried. To restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world and who are endeavoring themselves to be good examples herein while a deficiency is apparent with some in attending to these important duties. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families

4th. We believe that Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, except a few instances in one Monthly Meeting in which care has been extended, and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns. Other places of public resort not so carefully guarded against by some as would be best. A good degree of moderation appears generally to be observed on the occasions referred to.

5th Clear except two instances of minors of minors being placed out one of whom has returned.

6th. Most parents and heads of families and some of the young and unmarried are careful as to proceedings in marriage; yet there is a want of care in others.

7th. Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects, with the exception of a few instances in which we apprehend that our testimony to a free gospel ministry has not been fully supported.

8th. Friends appear to be mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances though not without some exception in the fulfillment of promises and payment of just debts. Some care extended.

9th. Marriage certificates are all recorded. Births and deaths nearly all. A few removals without certificates; some of which are under notice.

10th. Endeavours are used to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo 4th 1844

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, namely:
from Sandwich Moses Swift, Robert Wing, Saml Holway,
Pembroke Nathanl Shepherd Moses Rodgers
Nantucket Hezekiah Barnard Kimball Starbuck
Prince Gardner
Dartmouth Isaac Lawrence Daniel Peard Benj Tucker
Westport John Potter John Macomber John W. Gifford

New Bedford John Howland Abraham Shearman Jr 7 mo 1844
Saml. Taber Francis Taber
who are all present,

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended with but one exception occasioned by sickness

We are informed by a minute from our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that Meeting the ensuing year is four hundred twenty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when the State of the Treasury will admit.

The Auditors report that they have settled the Treasurers accounts and find a balance in his hands of three dolls 49 cents.

The Representatives report that they have conferred together and are united in a proposition to raise four hundred fifty dollars for the ensuing year and that it shall be apportioned the same as last year viz.

Sandwich	14 per cent
Pembroke	4 "
Nantucket	20 "
Dartmouth	18 "
Westport	11 "
New Bedford	33 "

which is acceptable to this meeting and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st. 2d & 10th

An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Board-

7mo 1844 ing School Committee was received and read and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends Joseph Bowne of Butternuts Monthly Meeting New York - James Jones of China Monthly Meeting State of Maine - Lindley M. Hoag of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hamshire and Martha J Hodges also of China Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of this as it relates to each respectively. We are also informed that the above named friends have acceptably attended divers meetings constituting this Quarterly Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest- Wm C Taber Clerk

10mo 1844 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo 3. 1844.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz.

from Sandwich	Ebenezer Wing, David K. Akin, Silvanus Wing.
Pembroke	Calvin Shepherd, Gideon Howe
Nantucket	Prince Gardner, John Paddack, James Austin
Dartmouth	Isaac Lawrence, Thomas K Wilbur Seth Davis, Wm Tucker
Westport	John W Gifford Stephen Allen, John Macomber.

10mo 1844 New Bedford John Howland Josiah Holmes Jr 10mo 1844
Rufus Sherman

who are all present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Our beloved friend Zaccheus Bowman of Sidney Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute expressive of the unity and sympathy of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements:— His company has been very acceptable to us as has also been his gospel labours in such of our particular meetings as he has attended. This friend is in his 81st year

Our beloved friend Alice Rathbun of Smithfield Monthly Meeting also attended this meeting with a minute expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements her company and gospel services have been acceptable to us

The company of our friend Stephen Nichols of Vassalborough Monthly Meeting companion to Zacheus Bowman has also been acceptable to us

The clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with copies of minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each respectively

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting a minute furnished her in the 4th month last to attend the Yearly Meeting of New York and to pay a religious visit to such of the meetings and families of friends within the limits of Westbury Quarterly Meeting as way might open for. She also presented minutes from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of New York and from the Quarterly Meeting of Westbury certifying that her company had been acceptable and her gospel labours satisfactory and edifying. and she informed friends that she had been enabled to

10mo 1844 perform the service required of her greatly to the relief and peace of her own mind — which is satisfactory to this meeting

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

copy Wm C. Taber, Clerk

12mo 1844 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12mo 5th 1844

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the following named friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz

from Sandwich	Robert Wing Joseph Wing
	& Malatiah Gifford
Pembroke	Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket	Peleg Mitchell Hezekiah Barnard
	& Laban Paddock
Dartmo.	Benjn Gidley Abrm Russell
	Geo. Almy
Westport	John Potter Isaac Macomber
	Jas D Peckham
New Bedford	Barnd Taber Elnathan E Delano
	Joseph Davis & Elisha Thornton

who are all present—

Our beloved friends Benjamin Fry of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire Henry Derbyshire of Leeds Monthly Meetg Canada and Daniel Clapp of Uxbridge Mo. Meeting attended this meeting and produced satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements:— their company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

12mo 1844

The company of our friend Jonathan Ferris of Leeds Mo Meeting companion to our friend Henry Derbyshire is also acceptable to us and the Clerk is also directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st (2d & 10th)

The Committee appointed to distribute a number of copies of the Book of Discipline received from our Meeting for Sufferings report that they have attended to their appointment and propose that the few remaining copies on hand be delivered to the Clerk of this Meeting for the same purpose which is acceptable to us.

We unite with the Womens Meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Crowell to the Station of an Elder.

The Committee appointed in the 12th month 1841 to take into consideration the proposition of Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the appointment of Isaac Mitchell to the Station of an Elder report that most of them had recently been together and had concluded to inform this meeting that Isaac Mitchell had recently removed with his family without the limits of this Yearly Meetg and to ask to be released from further care in the case.. Which was accepted and they are accordingly released –

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 4th month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest. Wm C. Taber, Clerk

4mo 1845 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 3d 1845

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this Meeting are, viz.

From Sandwich	Joseph Stokes 2d Daniel Swift Nathan Wing
Pembroke	Joseph R Shepherd Moses F Rogers
Nantucket	James Austin Prince Wm Gardner Laban Paddack
Dartmouth	Isaac Lawrence Wm Tucker Benj. Potter Isaac R Gifford
Westport	John Potter John Macomber,
New Bedford	Chs. R Tucker Elnathan E Delano, Wm R Taber,

who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk of this Meeting were appointed having expired, the Representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and Newell Stokes for Assistant Clerk. the proposition was united with and they appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was read and approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Anna D Wing opened in this meeting a prospect which has accompanied her mind of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia) and some meetings belonging thereto, and also a few meetings going and returning as expressed in a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting.– which being considered was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way; being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing her with a copy of this minute

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Rickham of 4th mo 1845
East Greenwich Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting and presented a satisfactory minute expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagement — her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a copy of this minute

Isaac Lawrence, John Howland Wm C Taber Prince Gardner, Job Eddy, Saml Slade Benjamin Tucker, Isaac A Gifford, Lemuel Gifford & Moses H Rodgers are appointed representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

A Communication from our Meeting for Sufferings on the subject of the division in Society which has taken place within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was received and read and the care and concern of that Meeting in the case is satisfactory to us.

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetgs have paid their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

We are also informed that our proportion of ~~Quarterly~~ Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved viz.

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

An Extract from the minutes of your last Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee was received and in this Meeting and copies thereof were forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. A Communication from our Meeting for Sufferings on the subject of the division that has taken place in Society within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has also been received and read and the care and concern

4th mo 1845 of that Meeting in the case is satisfactory to us

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We appoint Isaac Lawrence, John Howland, Wm C Taber, Prince Gardner, Job Eddy, Samuel Gray, Benjamin Tucker, Isaac V Gifford, Lemuel Gifford & Moses F Rodgers representatives to your meeting.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Crowell to the Station of an Elder.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which a summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to you by our representatives.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4th mo 3 1845
Wm C. Taber, Clerk

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Nantucket if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C. Taber, Clerk

Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except two instances in one small meeting at which one member only attended. Meetings on First-days are attended by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. A few not wholly preserved from sleep; mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care appears to have been extended.

(2d. We believe that most friends are concerned to maintain love and unity and to guard against detraction; yet some deficiency appears to exist herein and in the answers from one Monthly Meeting it is stated that a Spirit of Suspicion and discordancy is manifested in a few. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3d We ~~believe that~~ trust there is a concern with most friends ~~are concerned~~ to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation and are in a good degree exemplary herein themselves yet we are sensible of deficiency in these respects and are led to fear that the subject of improper books does not generally receive the degree of consideration that it merits. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in most friends families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine with a few exceptions reported in one Monthly Mtg. in which some care has been extended, and also to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns Places of Public resort inconsistant with our religious profession we fear are not so fully guarded against by all as would be best:- Moderation and temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions refered to.

5th Care is taken in these respects. Two or three instances of placing out are reported in the answers from two of our Monthly Meetings.

6th Most friends appear to be careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. A few instances of deviation are reported most of which are under notice.

7th We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this query except in a few instances in which our testimonies in regard to priests wages are not fully maintained. Some care has been extended.

8th Friends appear to be mostly careful in the observance of the several parts of this Query

9th Marriages are all recorded; births and deaths nearly all. A few removals without

4mo 1845 certificate some of which are under notice.

10th We believe friends are careful to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried although it may not be in all cases so seasonably as would be best. Endeavours are used to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

7mo 1845 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo 3d 1845

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings except Nantucket (the account from which was acknowledged to be present but was withheld from us) the representatives therein named to this meeting are

from Sandwich Daniel Swift, Joshua Wing Zeno Kelly
" Pembroke Calvin Shepherd, Moses F Rodgers
" Dartmouth Joshua W Gifford Barnet Beard Abm Russell, Humphrey Anthony Wm Tucker
" Westport John Potter, Stephen Allen Saml Baird
" New Bedford Rufus Sherman Geo Howland Reuben Russell Giles E Stanton Josiah Holmes

who are all present except three for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Several of the members of a committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate Meetings and to render them such advice and assistance as way may open for and to extend a care in sustaining our meetings in their present organization presented a copy of the minute of their appointment and were acceptably with us at this time.

Several persons not members of our religious Society persisting in remaining with us after having been feelingly requested to leave the room without producing the desired effect it was concluded to adjourn the meeting to meet again at this house at the fourth hour this afternoon

Afternoon. — Friends again met pursuant 7mo 1845
to adjournment.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting presented the following report which was accepted viz.

" To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that we all attended the opening of the Meeting except one, who was prevented attending the sitting of the first day by indisposition. That with the above exception, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, have attended all the sittings, of said meeting. The other three have not answered to the calling of their names since the first day.

Newport 6mo 23d 1845 Signed Isaac Lawrence
John Howland
Samuel Slaid
Wm C Taber
Isaac R Gifford
Lemuel Gifford
Moses H Rogers

The following minute of our last Yearly Meeting with the accompanying information from the Clerk of that meeting was received and read viz.

Yearly Meeting 6mo 1845

The Clerk is requested where there have been instances of Representatives absenting themselves from this Meeting without rendering satisfactory reasons therefor to inform the respective Quarterly Meetings from which they come of the fact.

From the minutes

Abm Shearman Jr clerk

In compliance with the above request Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is informed that after the first day's sitting of the Yearly Meeting three of its representatives were absent without any satisfactory reason given viz: Prince Gardner, Job Eddy and Benjamin Tucker.

A. Shearman Jr Clerk

7mo 1845 C Douglas — Our esteemed friend Cornelius Douglas of Vassalborough Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and we are informed that he has also attended several of our Monthly Meetings to the satisfaction of friends. The clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing him with a copy of this minute.

Y. Meet'g prop.d $600 — We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that Meeting the ensuing year is six hundred dollars, which our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when the State of the Treasury will admit.

The auditors report that they have settled the Treasurers accounts and find a balance due him of twenty seven dolls. fifty one cents.

$700. Raised — The Representatives report that they have conferred together and would propose that the sum of seven hundred dollars be raised for the service of this Meeting the ensuing year and that it be apportioned the same as last year — Which is accepted and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings except Nantucket — to the 1st, 2d & 10th.

Epistle from Y. M'g — An epistle from our last Yearly Meeting directed to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and individual members of Society was received and read at this time to our satisfaction.

Correspondents N. England Y. M'g — The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of the appointment of Correspondents was received and read and was satisfactory to the meeting and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our Several Monthly Meetings 7mo 1845

An extract from the minutes of the same Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read and copies thereof were also directed to be forwarded to our Several Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing returned to this meeting a minute furnished her in the 4th month last and also forwarded a written communication to us (not being able to attend herself) stating that she had been favoured to perform the service much to the peace of her own mind.— which is satisfactory to this meeting. A D Wing returns Minute

The sorrowful work of Secession from our religious Society being now in progress within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting we have believed that the appointment of a Committee is called for on the part of this meeting to visit such of our Monthly Meetings as may seem to them to stand in need of assistance— also Preparative Meetings should the necessity of the case require it— and therein to labour as way may open for it in the ability that may be afforded them to enable such meetings to sustain our discipline reputably to the cause of Truth, acting herein on our behalf in concert with the Committee appointed by our late Yearly Meeting to visit Subordinate Meetings. To make report to a future meeting. To which service we appoint Isaac R. Gifford, Wm Shearman Jr, Daniel Hoxie [illegible], Wm C. Taber, Abm Russell, Stephen Dillingham, David K. Akin, Zeno Kelley, Moses P. Rodgers Wm Mitchell & Samuel Slade. Secession Committee appointed

The same Committee are also requested to take into consideration the times and places of holding this Quarterly Meeting and to ascertain whether any change could be effected herein to promote the best interests of Society and to report to a future Meeting.

7mo. 1845 The London general epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest. Wm. C. Taber Clerk

10mo. 1845. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo. 2. 1845

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named to this meeting are, from
Sandwich, Ebenr. Wing David Kelley & Moses Swift
Pembroke, Joseph K. Shepherd & [illegible] Robinson
Nantucket Obed Marshall & Wm. Mitchell
Dartmouth Benj. [illegible] [illegible] Russell Geo. Allen
Westport [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Anthony Gifford
New Bedford Abm. Shearman Jr Josiah Holmes Jr
John Howland & Wm. P. Howland
who are all present.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second & tenth.

Report of Committee One of the Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit Subordinate Meetings and for other purposes stated on behalf of the Committee that they had given some attention to the subject of their appointment but were not ready to make a full report at the present time. It was also stated that the committee had come to the conclusion that benefit would result from holding the Quarterly Meeting which has usually been held at Nantucket in the Seventh month at the same time in Friends Meeting House at Falmouth which was accepted and the further consideration of the subject referred to our next

Quarterly Meeting. The Committee were requested to continue their attention to the subjects committed to them and the following friends were named on the same service in addition to those now under appointment viz Joseph Hoxie 3d John Howland, Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth & Nathan Wing to report at a future meeting. 10mo 1845 addl to Committee

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12mo 4 1845 12mo 1845

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are viz. from

Sandwich — David K. Akin Stephen Dillingham
Ebenezer Wing
Pembroke — Calvin Shepherd Edward P. Little
Nantucket Abm R Wing, Matthew Barney
William Mitchell
Dartmouth Freeman Lawrence Wm Tucker
Benjamin Gidley
Westport John Potter, John Macomber John Gifford 3d
New Bedford Charles R. Tucker Josiah Holmes 2d
Reuben Russell Wm C. Taber

who are all present

The Queries were read in this meeting with Queries answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The Committee appointed in the Seventh and tenth months last to visit the Monthly Meetings and for other purposes presented the following report which having been read and

12mo 1845 having the concurrence of the womens Meeting was accepted and it was the conclusion of the meeting that the same committee be continued on the same Subject to visit such Monthly Meetings as may stand in need of assistance and to labour therein as way may open for it and as ability is afforded to enable them to sustain our discipline repeatably. And also Preparative Meetings if the necessity of the case should require it. To act on our behalf in concert with the committee appointed at our late Yearly Meeting. (for report see below)

Meet'g at Nant'd — The Subject of the change ~~of change~~ of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the Seventh month from Nantucket to Falmouth was again brought before us from the minutes of our last meeting in connection with a request from Nantucket Monthly Meeting contained in the accounts from that Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting might still be held at that place which being considered was again referred to the Committee now under appointment to visit subordinate meetings to report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

M. Davis
S. Davis
P. Tripp
disowned — We are informed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting that Mary Davis who has formally been an approved minister of that Meeting and Seth Davis & Phebe Tripp who have occupied the Station of Elders have been disowned the right of membership. Joseph Davis is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

Several members of the Yearly Meetings Committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings have been acceptably with us at this time

Report of Committee

"To the Quarterly Meet'g

"The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meet'g in the Seventh month last and to which an addition was made in the Tenth, Report, that they have

Report of Com.

endeavoured to fulfil the object of their appointment by visiting such of the Monthly and Preparative Meetings as appeared to them to stand in need of assistance to enable them to sustain the Discipline of our Society and now have to state, that most of the Monthly Meetings which followed the Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket in the Seventh Month were attended by John Wilbur and several others under appointment as appeared from a body which at the time of our Yearly Meeting in the Sixth Month had organized itself, in a manner wholly unknown to the Discipline and claimed the name and authority of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England – and whose object now showed itself to be, to carry forward the work of Separation in the Subordinate meetings; in which they were aided by a Committee under appointment as was understood, from a body that had separated itself, in a disorderly manner from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting during its sitting at Nantucket – and in this object, we regret the necessity of stating, they have to some extent succeeded – so that separate meetings, disclaiming any subordination to our Quarterly and Yearly Meetings have been set up and organized within the limits of Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford, Monthly Meetings, assuming the names of those meetings respectively, but it affords us satisfaction to be able to add, that in these Meetings by far the greater number of Members remain united with Friends. Nantucket Monthly Meeting held in due course on the 31st of Seventh month last having clerks under appointment who had identified themselves in the seperation and not being disposed to acknowledge the authority of the Yearly and Quarterly Meeting, Friends there, who remained attached to Society in its present organization were encouraged to endeavour to sustain

1845 a Monthly Meeting in Subordination to those
12mo. Meetings, which was accordingly organized at that
Report of time, and has since been held, with a Preparative
Committee Meeting and Meeting for Worship thereto attached,
and tho' the Members of which it is constituted, are exceeded in numbers by those who have identified themselves in the seperation, we believe their meetings (several of which have been visited by members of this Committee) have been reputably held. In Sandwich and Pembroke Monthly Meetings no division has taken place — one family only having withdrawn from the former. —

In regard to the present situation of Friends within the limits of the several Monthly Meetings in which division has taken place we deem it right to inform the Quarterly Meeting, that in Westport those who have joined in the secession continue to meet with Friends for the purpose of holding their Monthly Meetings, transacting their own business and then withdrawing and leaving Friends to transact theirs. — In Dartmouth since the Eighth Month last, Friends have not been at all interrupted ~~by the presence of those who meet there~~ in the transaction of the business of the Monthly Meeting; but in the North Preparative Meeting, held at Newtown, they have met with continued interruption, by the presence of those who meet there, and hold a Preparative Meeting in connection with the seceding Monthly Meeting. In New Bedford, none of our Meetings have in any respect been interrupted since the withdrawal of those who left us in the Seventh Month. — And at Nantucket the Meetings of Friends being held in rooms provided by themselves have been in no way interfered with.

Before closing this brief report, we may add that in our judgment the situation of Friends in various parts of this Quarterly Meeting, calls

1845
12mo for the continued visit of this Meeting, through a 12mo 1845
Committee — Which is submitted to the consideration
of the Meeting. On behalf of the Committee
New Bedford } Signed Samuel Slade
12mo 3, 1845 } Mary Wing

The business brought before us being accomplished
we conclude proposing to meet again in the Fourth
month next at this place if the Lord permits.
Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at 4mo 1846
New Bedford 4mo 2, 1846

Accounts being received from all our
Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named
to this meeting are from

Sandwich David Kelly, Nathan Wing Ebenezer Wing
Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd, Moses F Rogers
Nantucket - Cromwell Barnard Obed Marshall
Job Macy
Dartmo. Abm Russell Geo. W Francis Isaac R Gifford
Westport - Stephen Allen John Potter Nathl Gifford
New Bedford Wm P Howland Wm Howland Josiah Holmes

who are all present but one whose absence we are
informed is occasioned by indisposition

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerks
(Clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired) appointed
the Representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and
Newell Hoxie for Assistant which was united with
and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing
or till another appointment.

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene of R Greene
~~[illegible]~~ Mecquimicky Monthly Meeting attended this meeting
and presented a satisfactory minute of concurrence from
his friends with his ministry and present religious
engagements. — His company and religious services
have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed
to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

4th mo 1846. Several members of a Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit Subordinate meetings have been acceptably with us at this time.

Queries The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings — a summary of which was directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Sandwich, Pembroke, Dartmouth and New Bedford Monthly Meetings inform that they have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer and we are informed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting that they have directed thirty dollars to be paid and by Westport Monthly Meeting that they have paid sixty dollars to our Treasurer on the same account.

We are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Rep: appointed We appoint John Howland Isaac R Gifford Zeno Kelly, Wm Potter, John Potter, Wm C Taber, Samuel Gifford, Ebenezer Wing, Otis Slocum and Moses F Rogers representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

N Hoxie ministry approved We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Newell Hoxie with the concurrence of the womens meeting and Isaac Lawrence is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

H. Swain & others removed from Select Mtg We are informed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting that they have denied the right of membership to Hezekiah Swain, Prince Gardner and Peleg Mitchell formerly members of the Select-meeting. Isaac Lawrence is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

The following communication was received from our Select Quarterly Meeting which being considered was united with and the Select members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting are accordingly united to the Select Preparative Mtg of New Bedford — the womens Meeting concurring herein and Isaac Lawrence is requested to convey this information to the Select Quarterly Meeting. 4th 1846

" At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 1st of 4th month 1846. The Committee appointed in the 12th month to consider the subject of uniting the select members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting to some other body reported, — That they had given attention thereto and that after ascertaining the views of the only two Friends there, members of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders who remain in unity with this Meeting, are united in judgment that it would be best to join them to the Select Meeting held at New Bedford till way shall open for the reestablishment of a Select Meeting at Nantucket. Which being considered, was united with by Friends of this Meeting and the Clerk was directed to lay a copy of this minute before the Quarterly Meeting for its consideration and action thereon. Com: from Select Mg

From the Minutes of said Meeting.
Abm Shearman Jr Clerk"

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit subordinate meetings and for other purposes presented the following report viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting Report of Com:

The Committee named to visit Subordinate Meetings report that they have continued to give some attention to the objects of their appointment and regret the necessity of stating to the Meeting, that since their report in the 12th mo. last no alteration favourable to friends has occured in the holding of Westport Monthly Mtg. nor the North Preparative Meeting in Dartmouth, Friends still continuing to meet with interruption

4mo 1846 in the holding of those Meetings as stated in the
Report report then made. — and that at Nantucket,
of Friends Meeting house continues to be occupied
Committee by those who have separated from our Yearly Meetg.

The Meeting house at Little Compton has been held by Friends untill recently when one of the members of that Meeting who has joined the Seceders from our Society obtained possession of the keys — No other change has taken place within our knowledge.

After a time of solid consideration and with the advice of the members of the Yearly Meetings Committee present we have concluded to recommend that no change should take place in the holding of our next Quarterly Meeting. — Which we submit to the consideration of the Quarterly Meeting

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel Slade
New Bedford 4mo 1846 Huldah Gifford

Committee to visit Sub. Meetg continued

which was accepted and the views of the Committee generally united with the womens meeting concurring herein. The same Committee are continued on the same service to visit such Monthly Meetings as may appear to stand in need of assistance to enable them to maintain our discipline reputably and they are also requested to continue under consideration the subject of the proposed change of holding the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket and to report their judgment thereon whenever in their view a change in the place of holding the Meeting would promote the best interests of Society.

Committe on apportionment

David Kelly Ebenezer Wing Moses Swift, Moses F. Rodgers Calvin Shepherd, Zenas Gardner, Cromwell Barnard, Wm Tucker, Wm Potter, John Macomber, John Potter, John Howland, & Philip Anthony are appointed to

11mo 1846 take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of the Stock of this Quarterly Meeting, to report at a future meeting. 11mo 1846

We unite with the Womens Meeting in their concurrence with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Shepherd to the Station of an Elder and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Phebe R. Gifford, and also with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the like appearances of Rhoda Howland.

Mary Shepherd

P R Gifford

R Howland

We are informed from Nantucket Monthly Meeting that they have denied the right of membership to Mary Macy and Elizabeth Mitchell.

Charles R Tucker and Wm C Taber are appointed auditors of this meeting untill another appointment.

auditors appointed

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk viz

acct to Yearly Meetg

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

An Epistle from your last Meeting directed to the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings and individual members of Society has been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction. Extracts from your minutes on the subject of the appointment of correspondents and embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee have also been received and read and copies forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Copies of a pamphlet containing the Epistle above referred to together with a Narrative of Facts and Circumstances that have tended to produce a Secession among us and a declaration upon

4th 1846 Various Christian doctrines have also been received
Report and distributed within the limits of all our Mo.
to Yearly Meetings:
Meet.g. Our proportion of Stock has been paid
to your Treasurer:

Represen. We have appointed our friends John
to Yearly Mo. Howland, Isaac R Gifford, Zeno Kelley, Wm Potter
John Potter, Wm C Taber, Lemuel Gifford, Ebenr.
Wing, Moses H Rogers & Otis Slocum represent-
atives to your meeting.

We have at this time united in approv-
N. Hoxie ing the public appearances in the ministry of
P.R. Gifford Newell Hoxie of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Phebe
R Howland R. Gifford of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and
ministry app.d Rhoda Howland 2nd of New Bedford Monthly Meet.g
and have also united with Pembroke Monthly Meeting
M Shepherd in the appointment of Mary Shepherd to the Station
app.d elder of an Elder.

We are informed by Nantucket Monthly
H Swain Meeting that they have made a minute of disown-
& others ment against Hezekiah Swain, Prince Gardner
removed from Peleg Mitchell Mary Macy & Elizabeth Mitchell
Select M.g. formerly members of the Select meeting and by
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting that they have made
a similar minute against Mary Davis who was
formerly an approved minister in that Meeting
and Seth Davis & Phebe Tripp who occupied the
Station of Elders.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting
with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a
Summary of which was compiled and directed
to be forwarded to you by our representatives.

At our Quarterly Meeting in the Seventh
Month last held on Nantucket John Wilbur
together with several other persons not members
of our religious Society persisting in remaining
with us after having been requested to withdraw

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it was concluded to adjourn the meeting. But before this took place, at the opening of the meeting accounts were presented from all our Monthly Meetings except Nantucket which being called for Hezekiah Barnard one of the representatives from that meeting stated that he had them in his possession but that they had concluded to withhold them adding that a separation must and would take place — they were accordingly withheld.

A paper was then handed to the Clerks table by one of those persons who had intruded themselves upon us purporting to be a minute of New England Yearly Meeting signed by Thomas B. Gould as Clerk with a request that it might be read which by direction of the meeting was declined: whereupon they together with several of our own members after declaring the Clerks disqualified upon the ground as they averred that they had identified themselves with those who had separated from Society proceeded to appoint Peleg Mitchell for clerk one who had previously joined with the seceders from our Yearly Meeting on Rhode Island in effecting the separation there in the sixth month last. In this proceeding the representatives from none of the Monthly Meetings except Nantucket were consulted while they together with one of the Nantucket representatives opposed the measure when brought before the meeting. Thus notwithstanding the general disapprobation expressed by the body of the meeting they effected their organization as a seperate meeting assuming the title of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, which they have since continued to retain and to hold meetings under that title.

A committee was appointed by Friends at the adjournment to visit our subordinate meetings and to advise and assist them in the

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maintainance of our discipline. The following extracts from their reports will convey to you the general situation of our meetings with reference to the secession. In the twelfth month last this Committee reported as follows. viz.

—— —— "Seperate Meetings disclaiming any subordination to our Quarterly and Yearly Meetings have been set up and organized within the limits of Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford Monthly Meetings assuming the names of those Meetings respectively; but it affords us satisfaction to be able to add that in these meetings by far the greater number of members remain united with friends. Nantucket Monthly Meeting held in due course on the 31st of Seventh Month last having Clerks under appointment who had identified themselves in the seperation and not being disposed to acknowledge the authority of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, Friends there who remained attached to the Society in its present organization were encouraged to endeavour to sustain a Monthly Meeting in subordination to those Meetings which was accordingly organized at that time, and has since been held, with a Preparative Meeting and Meeting for Worship thereto attached; and tho' the members of which it is constituted are exceeded in numbers by those who have identified themselves in the seperation we believe their Meetings (several of which have been visited by members of this Committee) have been reputably held. In Sandwich & Pembroke Monthly Meetings no division has taken place – One family only, having withdrawn from the former.

In regard to the present situation of Friends within the limits of the several Monthly Meetings in which division has taken place we deem it right to inform the Quarterly Meeting, that in Westport those who have joined in the Secession continue to meet with Friends for the purpose of holding their Monthly Meetings; transacting their own business: and then withdrawing and leaving Friends to transact theirs. In Dartmouth since the eighth Month last Friends have not been at all interrupted in the transaction of the business of the Monthly Meeting; but in the North Preparative Meeting held at Newtown, they have met with continued interruption, by the presence of those who meet there and hold a preparative Meeting in connection with the Seceding Monthly Meeting. In New-Bedford none of our meetings have in any respect been interrupted since the withdrawal of those who left us in the 7th Month, — and at Nantucket the Meetings of Friends being held in rooms provided by themselves have in no way been interfered with."

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At this time the same committee have reported in addition that "No alteration favourable to Friends has occurred in the holding of Westport Monthly Meeting nor the North Preparative Meeting in Dartmouth; — Friends still continuing to meet with interruption in the holding of those Meetings as stated in the report then made. — and in that at Nantucket, Friends Meeting house continues to be ~~held~~ occupied by those who have separated from our Yearly Meeting. The Meeting House at Little Compton has been held by Friends untill recently one of the members of that Meeting who has joined the Seceders obtained possession of the key. — No other changes have taken place within our knowledge.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at NewBedford
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The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude—purposing to meet again in the Seventh month next at Nantucket if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber, Clerk

General Answers

Answers to the Queries from Sandwich Quarterly Meetg.—

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been duly attended except three which were not held owing to inclement weather and the travelling being impracticable. Our First-Day meetings are generally, pretty well attended; while Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Some appearance of sleeping in a few at times. Of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. Some care has been extended.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained and detraction guarded against by most Friends yet not without some exception. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. We trust there is a concern with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation, and are in a good degree exemplary herein themselves, yet we are sensible of deficiency in these respects. The Holy Scriptures, we believe are frequently read in friends families

4th. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns. Places of public resort, inconsistant with our religious profession are not so fully guarded against by all as would be best. Moderation appears to be maintained on the occasions refered to.

5th We know of no deficiency in the several parts of this query 4mo 1846

6th Most friends appear to be careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. A few instances of marrying out are reported in the answers from one of our Monthly Meetings, which are under notice.

7th As far as appears friends are generally careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects yet some falling short in the full maintenance of our testimony to a free gospel ministry is noticed in the answers from one of our Monthly Meetings

8th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query; yet there appears to be some deficiency in a few cases herein.

9th Marriages are all recorded. Births and deaths nearly all. A few removals without certificate most of which are under notice.

10th We believe a concern rests with most friends to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment, in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo 2d 1846 7mo 1846

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are, from

Sandwich Joseph Hoxie 3d, David K. Akin & Daniel Bowman.
Pembroke Nathan P. Shepherd, Moses H. Rogers
Nantucket Matthew Barney, Kimball Starbuck and Wm Mitchell.
Dartmouth Isaac Lawrence, Benj. Potter, Isaac K. Gifford
Westport. Jno. W. Gifford John Potter, Jno. Macomber
New Bedford John Howland Wm P. Howland Wm Gifford & Wm R. Taber

7mo 1846 who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Z Weaver Our esteemed friend Zebulon Weaver of Smyrna Monthly Meeting New York attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry. His company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

B G Herenden Our esteemed friend Bersheba G Herendeen of Farmington Monthly Meeting New York also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

M J Hodges Our esteemed friend Martha J Hodges of China Monthly Meeting Maine attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute of concurrence from her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

G Herendeen Our esteemed friend Gideon Herendeen of Farmington Monthly Meeting New York attended this meeting as companion to his wife Bersheba G Herendeen and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting: His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the foregoing minutes as they relate to each respectively.

Y.M.Q. By a minute of our last Yearly Meeting we
propor. are informed that our proportion of the sum necessary
$600.– to be raised for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is Six hundred dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when the state of the treasury will admit

Auditors The auditors report that they have examined
report

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1846—

The Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report, which was read; and while the care thus manifested by the Committee is satisfactory to this Meeting, yet, in view of the importance of the concern, and with desires that the greatest amount of good may be dispensed to the members of our religious Society from an Institution established, as we doubt not, in best wisdom, and endowed and cherished by beloved friends, deeply concerned for the promotion of truth and the preservation and guarded education of the children of this Society, we are induced now to appoint our friends * * * * * * a Committee to take the whole subject into their solid consideration, and if, after careful deliberation, they are prepared to propose any change, either in the Committee or in the manner of their discharging the duties of their appointment, or to make any other suggestion that they apprehend will promote the interests of the Institution, they are requested to report the same to a future sitting of this Meeting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee to whom this subject was referred presented the following report, viz.:—

"To the Yearly Meeting.

"The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the report of the School Committee, and who were requested to make any suggestions that they might deem important in relation to the welfare of the School and promotion of the best interests of the Institution, report:

"That they have given to the subject their careful deliberation, and are united in making the following propositions to the Yearly Meeting, viz.:

"In order to effect a more direct responsibility on the part of those appointed by the Yearly Meeting to superintend the School, and to induce greater efficiency of action in the direction and management of its affairs, we would propose that a small Committee of twelve of each sex should be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to whom should be committed the care and superintendence of the Institution, six of whom (three of each sex) should be released from the charge and six others substituted annually. These six should be eligible to reappointment after one year, and the others to continue to be released in rotation, from year to year.

"It should be understood that this Committee should give their personal attention closely to the School, and should meet there monthly and appoint of their number such as they should deem proper to have the more immediate charge thereof during the recess of their meetings. They should visit the Schools to know for themselves their true state, by attending them during school hours, and by witnessing, advising, and directing in relation to the process of instruction, and they should judge of the standing and progress of the children, and enter into free intercourse with them and their teachers. They should advise with and direct the Superintendents respecting the expenditures and domestic management of the family, and endeavor to feel and exercise an individual interest in the various concerns of the Institution.

"We would also propose that the Yearly Meeting should appoint a General Committee on the subject of education, to be composed of Friends from the several Quarterly Meetings, to promote the guarded education of our children, both in the Boarding School and in Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and family schools, in accordance with the concern long felt by the Yearly Meeting. This Committee on Education should meet and consult with the School Committee at the time of our Yearly Meeting at Newport, and also at the School at the time of the examination in the tenth month at the close of the summer term. Both Committees should freely communicate with each other, and thereby endeavor to promote the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society. The whole to be subject to the control and direction of the Yearly Meeting annually.

"On behalf of the Committee,

"Rowland Greene,
"Sophronia Page.

"*Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1846.*"

—Which was fully considered and united with, and the propositions therein contained adopted by the Meeting; and the same Friends who presented the report were requested to produce to our

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the sixth month, 1846—

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Being again favored to meet in this our annual assembly, and to partake sweetly of the sustaining bread of life through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father, who in condescending love has extended his wing of goodness over us, you, dear absent Friends, have been brought very feelingly before us, and we have felt concerned to salute you in the fellowship of the unchanging truth, and to endeavor to convey to you a little of the exercises of this Meeting, and of the comforts of which we have been at this time permitted to be partakers. We have been made renewedly to feel, and we crave that it may be abidingly impressed upon our hearts, that all our sure mercies come from God; that He alone can direct us aright, and that it is only as we are engaged to look unto Him, continuing steadfastly in watchfulness unto prayer, that we can witness preservation. Many are the evils that abound in the world—multiplied are the snares and temptations that surround us—and very fervent are our desires that, abiding in lowliness of mind, we may sit as at the feet of the blessed Saviour, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of his mouth.

In the solemn and important engagement of investigating the state of Society as presented to us at this time, we have been, we trust, exercised before the Lord, and have witnessed his Spirit to be near us, under the influence of which his servants have been qualified to impart pertinent counsel and exhortation, which we desire may be productive of good. Under this engagement, parents were earnestly entreated to be faithful in the duty of attending all our religious meetings to offer unto our Heavenly Father the reasonable service of worship and praise, under a sense of our dependence upon Him; and they were impressively exhorted to be very careful to take their tender offspring with them; that as it pleaseth the Lord often to visit the minds of children in very early life, a lasting blessing might be received by them from this religious care of their parents. We were tenderly and impressively warned to guard against pernicious reading, in the various forms in which it abounds at the present day; not only of that reading which is of a light and frivolous character of a general nature, but also of that to which of later time we have been peculiarly exposed, and which is calculated to lessen our attachment to the Truth, and to prejudice our minds in relation to those who feel bound, under much suffering, faithfully to support it, and the precious testimonies and order of our religious Society. A living concern was felt that Friends might promote in their families the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures with hearts turned unto Him who in the riches of his mercy was pleased to inspire his servants of old to write them, and who has preserved them for our instruction in righteousness unto the present day, and who condescends to open and apply their precious contents to the humble seeking mind. We were feelingly cited to our individual experience, when, in the day of our espousals, we were visited by the Spirit of the Lord, and in tenderness before Him we entered into holy covenant to serve Him, and were earnestly entreated to yield unreservedly to the requirements of truth, that He who has begun a good work in our hearts may carry it on until the day of Jesus Christ. The young were affectionately encouraged to look confidingly unto the Lord for preservation and for strength, that in the end they may wear a crown of life.

And, dear young Friends, wherever situated, under the feelings of constraining love, you are now brought very near to us, and we are drawn fervently to exhort you to beware of the whisperings of our subtle foe, who would lead you to believe it may be allowable for you for the present to turn aside from the safe and narrow way to which in after time you can readily return, or who would insinuate that the self-denying path is too limited for you in the strength of your youth to walk in. He that thus speaks to you is a deceiver. The longer you deviate from this path, the more difficult will be your return—the harder the struggles through which you will have to pass if, happily, you are ever restored to the safe enclosure. Submit now in the morning of your days, we entreat you, to the circumscribing power of truth. An early sacrifice is acceptable unto the Lord; and you will witness, as you yield to the requirements of duty, that the yoke of Christ is easy and his burdens light—that the ways of wisdom are pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

Finally, dear Friends, of every age, may we be humbled under a sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father—may we rejoice with trembling in contemplating the provisions of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour. May we submit ourselves in simplicity unto the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the gift of the Father and the Son, and walking in the meekness of wisdom before men, show forth in all our lives and conversation that we are the humble followers of a meek and crucified Saviour.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*
HANNAH GOULD, Jr., *Clerk.*

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the Treasurers accounts and find a balance due him of one hundred twenty eight-1/100 dollars.

Stock $800.–

The Representatives report that they have conferred together and are united in proposing that eight hundred dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year which was united with.

Apportionment

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to take into consideration a new apportionment of the Stock of this Quarterly Meeting report that they have concluded to propose the following viz. — that

Sandwich Mo. Meetg pay	19 per cent	26
Pembroke . .	5	5
Nantucket . .	2	
Dartmouth . .	20	[illegible]
Westport . .	9	6
New Bedford . .	45	47

which is satisfactory to this meeting and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum concluded to be raised to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — Friends again met.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

Epistle from Y.M.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting directed to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings was received and read at this time to our satisfaction.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting relative to the boarding school at Providence and to the subject of the appointment of a Committee on education together with the report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

London Epistle

The London general Epistle of the past year was read at this time to our satisfaction and copies thereof

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The friend named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of our having concurred in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Newell Hoxie and that Hezekiah Swain, Prince Gardner and Peleg Mitchell had been denied the right of membership and also that we have united with that meeting in the proposal to join the Select members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting to the Select meeting held at New Bedford — reports that he has given the information directed.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude — proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1846 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo 1st 1846

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from —

Sandwich — David K Akin, Stephen Dillingham
Nathan Wing
Pembroke — Edward P Little & Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket — Abm R Wing Obed Marshall
Dartmouth — Wm Tucker Joshua W Gifford
Barnet Beard
Westport — Anthony Gifford John W Gifford
Adrian Davis
New Bedford — Josiah Holmes 2 Abm Davis,
Wm R Taber & Wm C Taber

who are all present.

Ed. Gove Our esteemed friend Edward Gove of Seabrook Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements — his company and religious services have been very acceptable to us

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and we are ~~also~~ informed that he has also attended all our particular meetings and some of our Monthly Meetings to satisfaction. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. 10mo 1846

Our esteemed friend David Challis from the same Monthly Meeting who attended this meeting as companion to our friend Edward Love in which his company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute D Challis

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting that they have denied the right of membership to Francis Taber formerly a member of the Select Meeting — Isaac Lawrence is named to give this information to the Select Quarterly Meeting. F Taber denied

The London General Epistle of the present year was read at this time to our satisfaction and comfort.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C. Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12mo 3, 1846 12mo 1846

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from

Sandwich, David Kelley Ebenr Wing Mattiah Gifford.
Pembroke Edwd P Little Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket Matthew Barney Abm R Wing
Dartmouth Barnett Beard, Geo. Almy, Isaac Lawrence
Westport Stephen Allen, Isaac Macomber
Anthony Gifford
New Bedford John Howland, Sands Wing Wm T. Howland, Peleg E Stanton & Wm R Taber

12mo 1846 who are all present.

R Greene Eli & S. Jones Our beloved friends Rowland Greene of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and Eli & Sybil Jones of China Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their several Monthly Meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with a copy of this minute.

C M Paine Our friend Caleb M. Paine of Providence Mo. Meeting also attended this meeting as companion to our friend Rowland Greene his company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting that they have directed their proportion of Stock to be forwarded to our Treasurer.

S. Howland visit to Scipio &c Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a feeling manner laid before this meeting a concern that had for some time impressed her mind to attend the Quarterly Meetings of Scipio and Farmington and also such meetings and families of Friends within their limits as way may open for in the Truth; as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting. After a time of solid consideration much unity was expressed with her herein and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct – she being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a copy of this minute.

M.B. Allen Our beloved friend Mary B. Allen of Springfield Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements – her company and religious services have been acceptable to us — The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens meeting in furnishing her with a copy of this minute. 12 mo 1846

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 4th month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4 mo 1st 1847 4 mo 1847

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are
from Sandwich Joseph Wing, Robert Wing Stephen Dillingham
Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd, Edward P Little
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard, Seth Mitchell
Dartmouth Isaac W Gifford, Geo W. Francis, Daniel Read.
Westport John Macomber, John Potter Isaac Macomber
New Bedford Giles E Stanton Josiah Holmes Jr Wm P Howland Geo Howland Jr
who are all present.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for Assistant Clerk which was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or till another appointment. Clerks appointed

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a Summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives. Queries

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David K Akin to the station of an elder with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting and William Gifford is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof. D K Akin appd Elder

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The Committee continued under appointment in the 4th month last to visit such meetings as might stand in need of assistance and to whom was referred the consideration of the proposed change in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the Seventh month made the following report which was read and accepted and the committee are discharged from the further consideration of the subjects referred to them — with which the Womens Meeting concur.

To the Quarterly Meeting

Report-

The Committee continued in the 4th month last to visit such meetings as in their judgment might stand in need of assistance report — that they have given attention to the subjects of their appointment — and as way has opened for it have rendered such advice as circumstances seemed to require. In the eighth month last the seceders from our religious Society within the limits of Newtown Meeting withdrew from the Meeting House and friends of that Meeting have not been interrupted by them since that time. Friends of Westport Monthly Meeting, except at Little-Compton were also relieved by their withdrawing from their Meetings both for worship and discipline about the first of 10th month last. The Meeting house at Little-Compton continues in the possession of the seceders and it appears from information given to the Committee that there is but one family of friends within the limits of that small meeting decidedly in unity with our Society.

In regard to the holding of the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket the Committee are united in believing that the time has not arrived that any change should take place.

On behalf of the Committee
Huldah Gifford Sewell Hoxie
Hepsibah W Swift Wm C Taber

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We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. 4th mo 1847

We appoint Geo Howland David Kelly, Lem. Gifford, John Howland, Isaac K. Gifford, Wm Tucker Josiah Holmes 2, Barnet Beard, John Potter Edward P. Little & John Macomber our representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. Represent atives

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England Account to the Yearly Meetg

Dear friends

An epistle from your last meeting directed to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings has been received and read in this to our satisfaction. Extracts from your minutes relative to the Boarding School at Providence and to the appointment of a Committee on the subject of education together with the report of the Boarding School Committee have also been received and read and copies forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which is forwarded to you by our representatives to which service we have appointed our friends Geo. Howland David Kelly Lemuel Gifford John Howland Isaac K. Gifford William Tucker, Josiah Holmes 2d, Barnet Beard John Potter, Edward P. Little & John Macomber.

We are informed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting that they have denied the right of membership to Francis Taber formerly a member of the Select Meeting he having united with the separatists from our religious Society.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly

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Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 11mo 1. 1847

Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the Second month next at Nantucket if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of the Answers

General Answers

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except four small meetings which were omitted owing principally to the inclemency of the weather and the absence from home of some of their members. They have been generally attended on first-days by most friends but a neglect is apparent in a few in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. Some appearances of sleeping in a few at times. Of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. Some care appears to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction guarded against yet not without some few exceptions. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. There appears to be a concern with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves, yet a deficiency is manifest in a few in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in most Friends families.

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. Two or three exceptions are however noticed in the answers from two of our Monthly Meetings in which care has

been extended. The attendance in a few instances of 4th mo 1847
places of public resort—inconsistant with our religious profession is also noticed in two of the answers.

Moderation appears to be maintained on the occasions refered to.

5th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query.

6th Most friends appear to be careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. A few instances of marrying out are reported in the answers from one of our Monthly Meetings which are under notice.

7th. Generally clear. Some falling short in the full maintenance of our testimony to a free gospel ministry, is expressed in one of the answers.

8th. Friends generally endeavour to be careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Marriages are all recorded. A good degree of care is taken in regard to births, deaths and burials. A few removals without certificate most of which are under notice.

10th Care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders as queried, yet not in all cases so seasonably as would be best, and endeavours are used to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

7mo 1847. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo 1, 1847

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are viz. —

From Sandwich Nathan Wing Stephen Dillingham
Robert Wing
" Pembroke – Saml Brown Nathan T. Shepherd
" Nantucket – Seth Mitchell Ishmael Crocker
William Mitchell
" Dartmouth Benjamin Potter Otis Slocum
John Wing George Almy
" Westport Sewell Gifford John Macomber
Samuel Slade.
" New Bedford Philip Anthony Wm Gifford
John Howland Sands Wing
Josiah Holmes

who are all present.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Fry of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire and Jacob H Vining of Swansey Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their friends expressive of their unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements – Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

Our beloved friends Anna D Wing of Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting and Elizabeth Peckham of Greenwich Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their friends expressive of their unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements – Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

7m° 1847 The following communication having been received from Nantucket Monthly Meeting it is the sense of this Meeting that the subject be referred to the representatives now in attendance from all our Monthly Meetings except Nantucket to report their judgment in the case to the adjournment of this meeting and the representatives from Nantucket Mo. Meeting are requested to attend with the Committee and make such explanations as the case may require.

"The pecuniary circumstances of ~~many~~ several of our members having been much affected by the disastrous fire of the seventh month last, it is the sense of this meeting to ask the aid of the Quarterly Meeting in the payment of a part or the whole of the rent of our meeting house referring to our representatives for such information as you may desire to possess.

Signed on behalf of Nantucket Monthly Meetg.
held 6m° 24 1847 Wm Mitchell clerk"

By a minute of our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars which our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

The Auditors report that they have examined the Treasurers accounts and find them correct and that there is a balance in his hands of forty seven 64/100 dollars.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon

Afternoon — Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives to whom were referred the communication from Nantucket Monthly Meeting report that they have conferred together

7m° 1847 and are united in proposing that this meeting pay one hundred dollars a year toward the rent of the Meeting house at Nantucket so long as the circumstances of friends of that place should render it necessary and the situation of that meeting should continue as it now is — which is accepted by this meeting and our Treasurer is requested to pay that sum to the Treasurer of Nantucket Monthly Meeting annually untill otherwise directed.

The Representatives also propose that the sum of six hundred dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second & tenth.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee together with a summary of some of the weighty concerns that had been brought before it, and a minute fixing the extent and the circumstances under which friends may in future attend the Yearly Meeting at the expence of the same were received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

An article of Discipline on the subject of marriage was also received from the same meeting and was read and accepted and the Clerk was directed to cause the same to be inserted in the Books of Discipline belonging to this meeting; — and copies were also directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Copies of the Minutes of our last Yearly

7mo 1847 Meeting printed by its direction sufficient to furnish all the families of friends in this Quarterly Meeting were also received and were directed to be distributed to our several Monthly Meetings in such proportion as may meet the object intended.

The friend named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of David K. Akin to the station of an elder reports that he has given the information directed.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude - proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permits. -

Extracts from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the sixth month 1847

Third day morning the 15th. Friends convened according to adjournment. The Representatives being called were all present.

The Meeting entered into the investigation of the State of Society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings and proceeded therein as far as the 11th inclusive. During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized together, and under the baptising influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on the first day of the week but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required. We were admonished to remember the source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much Sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations where their meetings ~~were~~ are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them— that altho they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those that may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties although it may be under a sense of ~~great~~ much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below the gifts conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week day meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that under a sense of our own frailties we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that as God is love, and as his love has so abundantly manifested to us, in that he gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbant upon us to love one another, and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christs' sake hath forgiven us. The injunction of our Lord;

of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them", was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercourse with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon and its necessity enforced as essential to their good and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injurys upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent, and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life. Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the State of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited practically by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully en-

engaged to follow the direct and immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value these sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvelously preserved to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities and who has so abundantly provided for them.

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings - a testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country is involved in war with a neighbouring nation, and armies are contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scripture, that "every battle of the Warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood" is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another country, that is a heavenly — how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan fill his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamentation and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more.

Our dear friends were affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which as we believe, produced it, namely the perpetuation and extension of Slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness

7mo 1845 inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow men in bondage and its utter inconsistancy with the command of Christ "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them" and that we fail not, faithfully in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our views in this part of our land

A proposition contained in the report of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings, who are requested to report to a future sitting

At a subsequent sitting the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the meeting viz

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together thereon, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following minute — the provisions of which are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting for Sufferings in the year 1830 — and with only a slight alteration in the language to render its language more explicit, viz: — Such friends as are of ability, who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses — but those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line from Boston, running west to the Connecticut River, be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting, and that friends of the Island of Nantucket; and the Representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings shall be included in the provision made for those north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances 7mo 1847

On behalf of the Representatives
Sixth month 16th 1847 Stephen A Chase

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk to the meeting this year

Note– Benjamin Buffum is appointed correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting in place of Jordan D. Lang, removed from within the limits of that Meeting
Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo 7 1847 10mo 1847

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are viz.

from Sandwich David K. Akin Bruce G. Moore
and Wing Howland.
" Pembroke Moses H Rodgers Joseph R Shepherd
" Nantucket, Seth Mitchell, Obed Marshall
Matthew Barney.
" Dartmouth Howard Potter Osman Wood
Humphrey Anthony Benjn Potter
" Westport Samuel Slade John W Gifford
Stephen A Allen
" New Bedford Josiah Holmes Jr Philip Anthony
Edmund Gardner Wm R Taber.

who are all present except two.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th.

The London general Epistle of the present year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to

10mo 1847 our several Monthly Meetings.

The clerk informed the meeting that he had inserted the article of discipline relating to marriage adopted by our last Yearly Meeting in all the books of Discipline belonging to this meeting that had come into his hands.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting a certificate furnished her in the 12th month last to visit the Quarterly Meetings of Scipio and Farmington and such meetings and families of Friends within their limits as way might open for in the Truth. She also presented returning minutes from the Quarterly Meeting of Farmington and the Monthly Meetings of Rochester, Elba and Farmington stating that her labours in the Gospel among them had been acceptable and edifying and informed the Meeting that she had been mercifully favoured to perform the service required of her to the peace and relief of her own mind — which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplised we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford, if the Lord permit.

Attest- Wm C Taber clerk

12mo 1847 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New-Bedford 12mo 2, 1847.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting to this meeting are viz.

from Sandwich — Joshua Wing Edward G. Dillingham, Daniel Bowerman.
Pembroke — Otis Ellis, Nathan S. Shepherd
Nantucket — Matthew Barney, Wm Mitchell
Dartmouth — Daniel Howland Otis Slocum
George Almy
Westport — Adam Davis John W Gifford
John Potter

Smith Gifford - George Wing, Joseph Tucker, Francis
Bowerman, Elnathan E Delano
who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Our beloved friend John D Lang of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from his friends expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements — his company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins of Providence Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from her friends expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements — her company and religious services have been very acceptable and satisfactory to us and we are informed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting that she has also acceptably attended that Meeting. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

David Kelley
and Isaac
R Gifford
appd Elders

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Kelley to the station of an elder and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac R Gifford to the same station the Womens meeting concurring herein.

Acoaxet
or
Westport
Mo. Mg

The following communication was received from our Monthly Meeting held in Westport formerly known as Acoaxet Monthly Meeting but which has for thirty five years past been recorded on our minutes as Westport Monthly Meeting. After being read and considered it was the conclusion of this Meeting that, as that Monthly Meeting has been so long known as Westport Monthly Meeting and generally acquiesced

in

12mo 1847 in by friends, that it should continue to be designated by that name, and friends of that Monthly Meeting are advised in future to use the name of Westport Monthly Meeting as the appellation of their meeting.

"This Meeting originally established by the name of Acoaxet Monthly Meeting as our early records shew for a number of years but more recently the name of Acoaxet has been omitted and Westport, or Monthly Meeting of friends held at Westport substituted which is attended with some inconvenience and not being satisfactory to friends we propose to lay the subject before the Quarterly Meeting requesting that the name hereafter be called Westport if it may be legally done and it should meet the approbation of the Quarterly Meeting."

"From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Westport the 18th of 11mo 1847"

"On behalf of the aforesaid Meeting
John Macomber Clerk"

Sarah Potter acknowledged a Minister

We unite with the Womens Meeting in their concurrence with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah Potter — and we also unite with the same meetings in the appointment of Mary Gifford to the station of an elder.

Mary Gifford an Elder

The friend named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting that Francis Taber had been denied the right of membership reports that he has given the information.

Our friend Joseph Davis is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of David Tilley, Stuart Gifford and Mary Gifford to the Station of Elders and that we have united in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah Potter.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again at this place in the 4th month next if the Lord permit. 12mo 1847

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 6th 1848 4mo 1848

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein naamed to this meeting are viz. from

Sandwich David Kelly William Gifford Nathan Wing
Pembroke Edwd P. Little Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket Seth Mitchell Cromwell Barnard Wm Mitchell
Dartmouth Benjn. Akin William Tucker Joshua W Gifford
Westport John Potter Isaac Macomber Adrian Davis
New Bedford Josiah Holmes Jr Geo. Howland John Howland Elisha Thornton

who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed having expired the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and Charles R Tucker for Assistant Clerk of this meeting which was united with and they are appointed to those stations for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. Clerks

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. Queries

The following communication contained in the account from Nantucket Monthly Meeting was read and considered and after some expression of sentiment in regard to it, it was concluded to appoint a committee to confer with friends of that Monthly Meetg. and to render them such advice and assistance as the circumstances of the case may require and to report their judgment to our next Quarterly Meetg.

The following friends are named on this Committee viz.

4mo 1848 Samuel Gifford, Isaac Lawrence, Stephen Dillingham Wm P Howland, Isaac R Gifford, Charles R Tucker Nathan Wing & Calvin Shepherd.

Com. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. "Communication from Nantucket Mo. Mg.

"Our contract for the use of the Meeting house which we occupy expired in the First Month last. On attempting to renew the contract the individual who holds the house was desirous of introducing a new stipulation which has been subsequently communicated to us in the following words viz.

"It would seem to be proper that if any of those friends for whom as well as for those who have heretofore worshipped in that house, subscriptions were made for its erection, should in the course of events visit Nantucket and should wish to hold a meeting or meetings that they should have the liberty to do so at all and any times when it would not interfere with any of your meetings. There is no expectation particularly of any one likely to make us a visit as is above indicated and the sole object of the reservation is to provide for possible contingences."

"As the arrangement was thought by some friends to involve principle it was deemed advisable to defer the closing of the contract, and to submit it to the Quarterly Meeting — the agent of the meeting house kindly offering a continuance of the use of the house till the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting could be obtained. We believe it to be the judgment of most friends of this meeting including our women friends that it would be inconsistent to retain the house with this stipulation but as the convenience of the Quarterly Meeting is involved in the measure we prefer to abide by its decision. If it should be the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting that we relinquish the house, we know of no other building that could be obtained suitable for the accommodation of a called meeting or the Quarterly Meeting."

Sandwich, Pembroke, Dartmouth, Westport 4th mo 1848
and New Bedford Monthly Meetings inform that their proportions of Stock has been paid or directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

We are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The friend named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of David Kelley, Isaac R. Gifford, & Mary Gifford to the Station of Elders and that we had united in approving the public appearences in the ministry of Sarah Potter reports that the information has been given.

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meetg in approving the public appearences in the ministry of Josiah Holmes & the womens meeting concurring herein and Nathl Hoxie is named to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting herewith. J. Holmes ministry approved

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern that had for many years impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to friends of Great Britain and Ireland and those professing with us on the Continent of Europe as set forth in her certificate of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting— Which concern claiming the Solid consideration of this meeting was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way, she being a minister in unity and good esteem with us— S. Howland visit to G Britain and Ireland

The Clerk is directed to endorse the Substance of this minute on the certificate from that Monthly Meeting.

John Howland, Isaac Lawrence, Wm C. Taber, David Kelley, Isaac R. Gifford, Wm Mitchell, Rufus Shearman, Nathl Hoxie, John W. Gifford, & Calvin Shepherd are appointed representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. Rep. to Y. Mtg

The following account to the Yearly Meeting

4mo 1848 was read and approved viz.

Account to Yearly Meeting

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee together with a summary of some of the weighty concerns which had been brought before it and a minute defining the circumstances under which friends may in future attend the Yearly Meetg. at the expense of the same have been received and read to our satisfaction. The article of Discipline on the subject of marriage has also been read and accepted and copies of the above papers have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. A sufficient number of printed copies of the minutes of your last meeting to furnish the families of friends within our limits have also been received and distributed.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Kelly to the station of an Elder and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac R. Gifford and Mary Gifford to the same station. We have also united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Potter and with Newbedford Monthly Meeting in approving the like appearances of Josiah Holmes 2d.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives to which service we have appointed John Howland, Isaac Lawrence Wm C. Taber, David Kelly Isaac R. Gifford, Wm Mitchell Rufus Shearman Newel Storie, John W. Gifford & Calvin Shepherd

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich

4mo 1848 Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford 4mo 6. 1848 4mo 1848
Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Nantucket if the Lord permit

Attest
Wm C Taber, clerk

Summary of Answers to the Queries

Answers to Queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except one which omission was occasioned by the inclemency of the weather, and with the further exception of the meeting at Little Compton which is under the control of the Separatists. Meetings on First-days are generally well attended. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is generally well observed. Some appearance of sleeping is noticed in a few of the answers, of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear. Care appears to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained among us and detraction guarded against by most friends. Care is taken to end differences when they arise.

3d. There appears to be a concern with most friends to bring up those under their direction as queried and to be in a good degree exemplary themselves, while others are too remiss herein. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th. Spirituous Liquors are apparently confined to medicine with a few exceptions noticed in the answers from one of our monthly Meetings in which care has been extended. Clear in the other parts of this query except that in the answers from two monthly Meetings it is stated that places of public resort are not so fully guarded against by all as would be best.

4 mo 1848 5th. Clear as far as appears, except that two cases of being placed out from among friends are noticed in one of the answers.

Answers to Queries

6th. Generally careful in these respects with a few exceptions from two of our monthly meetings. Some of which are under notice.

7th. Clear as far as appears except that a fear is expressed in one answer that a faithful testimony is not in all cases maintained against a hireling ministry.

8th. Generally careful in these respects.

9th. Our records are attended to with some exception in one monthly meeting. Some removals without certificate most of which are under notice.

10th. We endeavour to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo. 6th 1848

From accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are
viz. from Sandwich Arnold Gifford, Nathan Wing
Daniel Bowerman
Pembroke Moses F Rogers, Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket – Steman Crocker Cromwell Barnard
Zenas Gardner.
Dartmouth Isaac H Gifford Benjn Potter Abrm Russell
Westport Stephen Allen Saml Slade John Potter.
New Bedford Edmund Gardner John Howland
Wm R Taber Thomas Wood
who are all present except three for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends Charles Taber of Farnham Monthly Meeting within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, Thomas Wells of Miami Monthly Meeting Ohio, and Lindley M Hoag of New York Monthly

Meeting attended this meeting and [illegible] 7mo 1848 producing minutes from their friends expressive of their unity with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The company of our friend Paul Southwick companion to Charles Taber has also been acceptable. He being in attendance at this time with a minute from Peru Monthly Meeting, New York

The Clerk was directed to furnish the above named friends with minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each respectively.

By a minute from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

The auditors report that they have examined the Treasurers accounts and find a balance in his hands of Seven dollars five Cents.

The representatives proposed that six hundred fifty dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year, which was united with and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of this sum to our Treasurer.

They also reported that after a full consideration of the subject they were united in proposing that this meeting pay one hundred fifty dollars toward the rent of the Meeting House at Nantucket which proposition was also concurred in and our Treasurer is directed to pay this sum to the Treasurer of Nantucket Monthly Meeting.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again met pursuant to adjournment

7mo 1848 The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second and tenth. While this subject was before the meeting friends were feelingly encouraged to the dilligent attendance of our religious meetings and tenderly advised to a watchful guard over their spirits when thus collected together.

George Howland app.d Elder

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland to the Station of an elder, with the concurrence of the womens meeting, and David Kelley is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

Nantucket Monthly Meeting informs that their proportion of Stock for the past year has been paid to our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to render advice to Nantucket Monthly Meeting presented the following report which was accepted and the Committee discharged from further care in the case.

" The Committee appointed in the Fourth month last to confer with and render advice to friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in relation to their procuring a suitable House for holding this Quarterly Meeting and their occupancy the present year, report that they have given attention thereto and rendered such advice as in their judgment the circumstances of the case seemed to require. And advised friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting to hire the house they have heretofore occupied under the stipulations specified in the communication from Nantucket Monthly Meeting unless a more eligible one could be found. — Which advice was accepted by that meeting.

On behalf of the Committee
Nantucket } Samuel Gifford
7mo 6 1848 } Nathan Wing "

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended with the exception of one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered to the Yearly Meeting.

Delivered to Clerk [illegible] Mo 16 9 [illegible]

A copy of the Book of Discipline of London Yearly Meeting was received at this time presented by Friends of England to Friends of this Quarterly Meeting. It is accepted by this meeting and is directed to be placed in the hands of the Clerk for the use of our members.

The report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies were directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

We are informed that five hundred ~~dollars~~ copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been forwarded for the use of the members of this meeting and they are directed to be distributed in the usual proportions among our Monthly Meetings.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Wm C Taber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10mo 5th 1848

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, except Nantucket, the representatives therein named to this meeting are viz from

Sandwich Ebenezar Wing David K Akin Moses Swift
Pembroke - Edward P Little, Calvin Shepherd
Dartmouth Abraham Russell, Joseph Gifford William Tucker
Westport John W Gifford John Gifford 3d Anthony Gifford.
New Bedford - Daniel Davis, Edmund Gardner, Josiah Holmes 2d Thomas Wood.

who are all present.

Our esteemed friend Perez Peck of Greenwich

10th 1848 Monthly Meeting attended this meeting as companion to our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader and presented a satisfactory minute from that monthly Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries — The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Monthly Meetings from which accounts are at this time received.

M B Farnum
E Meader
A D Wing
L H Riley
Visit

Our beloved friends Mary B Farnum of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth Meader of Providence Monthly Meeting — Anna D Wing of Rhode Island Monthly Meetg. and Lydia H Riley also of Smithfield Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. — Their company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with minutes embracing the substance of this as it relates to each and sign them on our behalf.

J. Peck comp.

The company of our esteemed friend Joanna Peck of Greenwich Monthly Meeting companion to our beloved Elizabeth Meader has been also acceptable to us and the clerk is also directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Leml Gifford to Baltimore &c

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had for some time impressed his mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to perform a religious visit to some meetings within the limits of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings also to appoint some meetings among those not members of our religious Society as way may open for it as expressed in a certificate furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. The concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting unity and sympathy were expressed with him herein and he was set at liberty to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct, he

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being a minister in unity with us; and the clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on his certificate from that Monthly Meeting.

S. Brown an Elder

We unite with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the station of an Elder, the women's meeting concurring herein, and Isaac Lawrence is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting.

J. Holmes 2d ministry approved
G. Howland an Elder

The friends named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting that we had united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Josiah Holmes 2d — And with the same meeting in the appointment of George Howland to the station of an elder report that they have attended to their appointment.

Com. on removal Qr Meetg

A concern was expressed in this meeting and fully united with that the time had now nearly come when it would be advisable to remove the Quarterly Meeting now held at Nantucket in the seventh month to some other place, and in a view of this subject we appoint our friends William Mitchell, Cromwell Barnard Matthew Gifford, David K. Akin, Moses F. Rogers John Macomber, Isaac Lawrence, John Howland Wm P. Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, Lemuel W. Gifford Stephen Dillingham, Calvin Shepherd & Wm C. Taber with such others as the women may join to take it into ~~[illegible]~~ careful consideration, to consult with the members of that Monthly Meeting and with those of such others Monthly Meeting as it may seem best to remove it to and report to a future meeting.

Com. On repairs Sandwich Mg House

Being informed at this time that the meeting house occupied by this Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich requires some repairs we appoint Isaac R. Gifford, Moses F. Rogers, Prince G. Moore, John Howland, Wm Tucker David Kelley, Ebenezar Wing, Nathan Wing and Charles R Tucker to consult with friends of Sandwich Mo. Meeting on the subject, to render such assistance as the case may require and to draw on our Treasurer for

10m° 1848 Such proportion of the expense incurred as they may think equitable and report to a future meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

12m° 1848 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12m° 7th 1848

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows, viz.

From Sandwich Ebenezer Wing Moses Swift Samuel Dotteridge, David K Akin.
" Pembroke Samuel Brown Otis Ellis
" Falmouth Seth [illegible] George Easton
" Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford Jonathan Wilbor Freeman Lawrence
" Westport Perry Wilbor Adrian Davis Wm Macomber
" New Bedford Seley E Stanton Henry T Wood Wm C Taber Josiah Holmes 2d

who are all present.

W B Thompson visit Our beloved friend William B Thompson of Seabrook Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second and tenth

S Gifford returns Minute Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford returned to this meeting a minute furnished him in the 10th month last to attend the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to perform other religious service within the limits of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings. He also informed the meeting that owing to bodily indisposition he had not been able to visit all the meetings he had in view when he obtained a minute from his Monthly Meeting but that he felt released from further Service. Which is satisfactory to this meeting. 12mo 1848

The friend named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Samuel Brown to the Station of an elder reports that that meeting has been informed.

In the account now received from Nantucket Monthly Meeting we are informed that in consequence of the irregularity and detention of the public conveyances they were unable to forward this account to our last Quarterly Meeting. Which is satisfactory to this meeting

We unite with the Womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Elizabeth Gifford of Falmouth. We also unite with the same meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the like appearance in the ministry of Rachel S. Howland of New Bedford. E Gifford ministry approved also R S Howland

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the fourth month next at this place, if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4th At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 5, 1849 4mo 1849

By accounts received from all from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from

Sandwich - Joseph Wing David K Akin Moses Swift.
Pembroke Samuel Brown Edward P. Little
Nantucket - Cromwell Barnard Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Isaac R. Gifford Daniel Howland Timothy Akin
Westport - John Potter, Isaac Macomber Peleg Wilbur
New Bedford - Elnathan E. Delano Wm P. Howland
Wm R Taber, Geo Howland Jr

who are all present.

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Clerks appointed

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant of this meeting were appointed having expired the representatives proposed the appointment of Wm C Taber as Clerk and Charles R Tucker as Assistant Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment which was approved and they are appointed to those services accordingly.

Queries

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meeting a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

A Shearman's Memorial

A memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of the exemplary life and services of our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman was received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction and acceptance with which the womens meeting concurs and the clerk is directed to forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Committee on removal Qr Meetg

The Committee appointed in the 10th month last year to take into consideration the removal of the Quarterly Meeting which has been held at Nantucket to some other place presented the following report which ~~was~~ being read and fully considered was accepted and it is the conclusion of this meeting with which the womens meeting concurs, that the sitting of this Quarterly Meeting which has been heretofore held at Nantucket in the 7th month be in future held at the same time at Falmouth. The change to take place in the 7th month next year if it meets the approbation of the Yearly Meeting.

Alteration in hold'g Select Qr Meetg.

A proposition was laid before this meeting from the Select Quarterly Meeting that in future the sittings of that meeting be held at the 3d hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting instead of the 11th hour as at present — which after being considered was united with by this and the womens meeting. The change to take place in the 10th month next if approved by the Yearly Meeting.

E E Delano Ministry approved

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of [illegible] 4mo 1849 the womens meeting concurring herein.

We also unite with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Howland to the station of an Elder with the concurrence of the Womens meeting. — And the clerk is directed to forward copies of the minutes made in these two cases to the Select Quarterly Meeting. J. Howland an Elder

We unite with the Womens meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia Congdon to the station of an Elder. L. Congdon an Elder

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their respective proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

We are also informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

The following friends were named as representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting viz. Isaac W. Gifford, Geo. Howland Jr, Stephen Dillingham, David K Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Henry T. Wood, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Wood, John W Gifford, Wm Mitchell & Stephen Allen. Rep. to Y. M.

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint Committee appointed to take into consideration the removal of the sitting of this Quarterly Meeting which has usually been held at Nantucket to some other suitable place report that they have had the subject under careful consideration and after a free expression of sentiment among themselves have agreed to propose that the Quarterly Meeting heretofore held at Nantucket in the 7th month should be in future held at the same time at Falmouth — which they submit to the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting. Report of Comm.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee

Wm C Taber

New Bedford 4mo 4 1849 Ruth H Baker

4 mo 1849 The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk.

account to Yr Mg To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode-Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee have been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction. Five hundred copies of the printed minutes of the same meeting have also been received and distributed among our members

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Gifford of Falmouth and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Rachel S Howland and Elnathan E Delano.

We have also united with Pembroke Monthly Meetg. in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the station of an Elder and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland, John Howland and Lydia Congdon to the same station.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings ~~a~~ a summary of which is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives who are Isaac W Gifford George Howland Jr, Stephen Dillingham, David K Akin Edwin Shepherd, Henry T Wood, Isaac Lawrence, Thos Wood, Ichabod Gifford, Wm Mitchell & Stephen Allen

We have concluded that the setting of this meeting which has for many years been held at Nantucket in the 7th month should in future be held at the same time at Falmouth. The change to take place next year if it meets the approbation of the Yearly Meeting.

A proposition that the settings of our Select Qr Meeting be in future held at the 3rd hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting instead of the 11th hour in the forenoon as at present has been united with: the change to take place in the 10th month next if it meets the approval of the Yearly Meeting. 4th mo 1849

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1849
Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Nantucket if the Lord permits.
Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except the meeting at Little Compton and on two occasions in one other meeting caused by inclemency of the weather— Those on First-Days are attended by the greater part of our members— Mid week and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Clear of sleeping except in a few instances — no other unbecoming behaviour noticed. Some care appears to have been taken in the above deficiencies. Answers

2d Friends generally endeavour to maintain love and unity and to guard against detraction; yet greater carefulness in these respects is desirable: No differences have come to our knowledge.

3d Most friends appear to be concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation and are exemplary herein themselves; while some are too remiss in these important duties. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th Generally clear in the several parts of this query.

5th Care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th Clear as far as appears.

7th Our testimonies appear to be maintained in these respects.

8th Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are generally attended to. A few removals without certificate are reported, most of which

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10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried; and endeavors are used to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

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7mo 1849 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 7mo 5th 1849

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz: from

Sandwich, Danl Bowman, David K Akin Samuel Dobtridge.
Pembroke, Moses F Rogers Jos. R Shepherd
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard, George Easton, Job Macy
Dartmouth Abner Potter 2d Wm Tucker, Abrm Russell
Westport, Nathaniel Gifford Adrian Davis Stephen Allen
New Bedford Isaiah Holmes 2d Wm P Howland Elisha Thornton, Wm R Taber

who are all present except two.

T Jones
C Douglas
E Bray
visit

Our beloved friends Thomas Jones of Durham Monthly Meeting, State of Maine, Cornelius Douglas of Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio and Enos Bray of West Branch Monthly Meeting in the same State attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labors have been to our satisfaction and encouragement and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

Isaac Gray
P. N. Douglas
Comp.

Our beloved friend Isaac Gray of Mill Creek Mo. Meeting, Ohio companion to Enos Bray and Phebe N Douglas who accompanies her husband Cornelius Douglas attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings. Their company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each

Our beloved friend Martha J. Hodges of China 7th mo 1849
Monthly Meeting, Maine attended this meeting and M J Hodges
presented a satisfactory minute expressive of the unity visit
of her friends with her ministry and present religious
engagements— Her company and gospel labors have
been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to
unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing
her with a copy of this minute.

By a communication from our last Yearly Yly Mtg
Meeting we are informed that our proportion of Stock
the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that $480 -
meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars
which our treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer
of that meeting when the state of the Treasury will
admit.

The auditors report that they have examined Auditors
the accounts of the Treasurer and find a balance due report
him of two dollars 23 cents.

The representatives inform that they have con- Qly Mtg
ferred together and have concluded to propose that Stock
six hundred seventy five dollars be raised for the $675
service of this meeting the ensuing year, which is
acceptable to this meeting and our several Monthly
Meetings are requested to forward their respective
proportions of that sum to our treasurer.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report
that they all attended except one whose absence was
occasioned by sickness.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The Queries were read in this meeting with Queries
answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The following minute from our last Yearly
Meeting was received and read at this time by which
it appears that the Yearly Meeting has united with
us in the proposed changes in holding our Quarterly

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and Select Quarterly Meetings. The clerk is directed to forward information of the change to the next sitting of the Select Quarterly Meeting. *

Report of Boarding School Com.

The report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

London Epistle

The London General Epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction.

Printed Minutes

Five hundred copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received for the use of the members of this Quarterly Meeting and they are directed to be distributed to our several Monthly Meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished and under a feeling of humble thankfulness that the wing of Eternal Goodness has been mercifully spread over us at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit:

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Com. from Yy. Mg.

* At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island in the Sixth month 1849.

The following propositions are contained in the report from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting viz: "We have concluded that the sitting of this meeting which has for many years been held at Nantucket in the Seventh month should in future be held at the same time at Falmouth: The change to take place next year if it meets the approbation of the Yearly Meeting.

A proposition that the sittings of our Select Quart.y Meeting be in future held at the 3d hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting instead of the 11th hour in the forenoon as at present has been united with in this meeting — the change to take place in the 10th month next if it meets the approval of the Yearly Meeting" — which were united with by this and the Womens Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute. 7mo 1849

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting Abraham Shearman Jr.

Memorial of A Shearman Jr

Feeling it required of us to preserve a memorial of the services rendered to the Church by our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman Jr, and of his devotedness to the promotion of the cause of its Holy Head, the following sketch of his life and character has been drawn up for the encouragement of those that may come after; that they too may by patient submission to the forming hand of our Heavenly Father and by attention to the inshining light of truth in their hearts become qualified for usefulness while in this life and be prepared for a state of eternal blessedness hereafter.

He was born at Acushnet in the Township of Fairhaven on the 14th day of the 4th month 1777. His parents Abraham and Peace Shearman altho professing with friends were neither of them members of our religious Society until the year 1815 when his father was received into membership, his mother having then been deceased many years. When about five years old he was attacked with a severe illness, which continued for several years during a portion of which time he was under severe suffering with but little hope of recovery. His endurance of that suffering was quite beyond his age, and altho he did finally recover, it was not until disease had produced such a defect in one of his limbs as to prevent him from engaging in after life in any business requiring active exertion.

He was placed as an apprentice to a printer when about fifteen years of age, and at this period he appears to have been of a thoughtful turn of mind; one of his earliest memoranda containing a strong expression

No 1844, of thankfulness to his Heavenly Father for preservation vouchsafed
to himself & to himself and his near relatives. After the expiration of his apprenticeship
Memorial he for six years between 1798 & 1804 published a weekly
of newspaper at Hartford; in which he endeavoured to avoid
A Shearman entirely the violent party contentions which in that day so much distracted this country and embittered the feelings of so many of our citizens. His mind however being increasingly turned to religious subjects and not willing to yield his own convictions of duty to satisfy a mere literary taste he found his peace required him to abandon his paper and about the same time he made application and was received a member of this Monthly Meeting.

After discontinuing this publication he turned his attention to the Bookselling business, which he carried on nearly thirty years and in which he was engaged scrupulously to avoid every thing of a hurtful tendency, or that did not strictly conform to a nice sense of christian consistency. It was a settled practice with him not to allow his business avocations to interfere with his attendance of our midweek meetings — always closing his shop for that purpose when necessary. And following out the recommendation of the Apostle, "let your moderation be known unto all men", he retired from mercantile pursuits when he had become possessed of a moderate competency, and for the last sixteen years of his life devoted his time and talents, more exclusively to the service of the religious society to which he belonged, and to promote the well being of his fellow creatures — thereby setting an example worthy of a father and an elder in the church.

The early part of the year 1816 appears to have been a season of renewed visitation to his mind, in which a call to a greater dedication of heart and to an entire surrender of his will to the divine Will, was sensibly felt, and ardent desires were raised that he might be enabled to part with every thing that might stand between him and his God. And we have reason to believe that an increased qualification was experienced

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enced to labor in the Service of the Great Head of the Church, and that his Spiritual eye was anointed to discern the subtle transformations of the adversary, by which in a few years after such inroads were made in our Society, and which he was engaged, with other dear friends some of whom are now gone to their rest, to withstand in the gentleness of a true follower of Christ. The following memorandum under this date was found among his papers. "My mind for some time past has been much impressed with the great importance of an entire surrender of my will to the divine will — of attaining to that state of resignation in which I should be enabled to say, "thy will O God be done." — And though it has not not- √ been accompanied by a sense or intimation of any particular service to which I should be called, or any particular labor to perform — great have been my doubts and fears — great the strivings of nature, — and I have scarcely been able to do more than to put forth an aspiration, that I might be enabled to attain to such a state of resignation, as with full purpose of heart, to enter into covenant with my God. Some progress toward such a state, I hope has been made, — and the secret prayer of my soul, in our meeting this day, has been — "may not thy hand spare, nor thy eye pity, till thou hast made me what thou wouldst have me to be".

He became a member of our religious Society from a thorough convincement that Friends professed the truth as it is in Jesus. The fundamental doctrines of the Gospel were we believe clearly understood and under all circumstances faithfully maintained by him — as well as the testimonies of Truth which are set forth and sustained by the precepts of Christ and his apostles — Yet in all his intercourse with his fellow men he manifested instinctively the possession of that charity which thinketh no evil — which vaunteth not itself — which hopeth all things". Gentle and persuasive in his manner, he rarely gave offence to those whose course he felt obliged

7 Mo 1849 to reprove or condemn – and we believe few will be found who were more universally beloved or who in the faithful

Memorial maintenance of our christian discipline were more uniform-

of ly preserved in that meek and quiet Spirit which subdues

A Shearman opposition and commends itself to the heart. Endowed with more than ordinary talents – with a mind well cultivated and disciplined, and all under the influence of divine Grace – and viewing the discharge of religious duty paramount to all other considerations, he was eminently qualified for usefulness; and was early called to fill many important stations and appointments in our religious Society to the edification and entire acceptance and satisfaction of Friends. He fully felt the truth of the declaration, and remarkably exemplified it practically, that "wisdom dwells with prudence". He was liberal and charitable in his disposition – ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy or unfortunate, and particularly so when the cause of Truth or the welfare of its professed followers could be promoted by his means. The guarded education of the youth of our Society was an object of great interest with him – and the attention he gave to the right ordering of the Boarding School at Providence will long be remembered with interest and instruction, by the committee with whom he was associated, as well as by many who have been inmates of that institution.

In the year 1819 he was appointed Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, which station he continued to occupy until 1846 when on account of his physical infirmities he was released from this service – He was favoured to discharge the important duties of this appointment with that tender regard to the feelings of all and with that clear religious discrimination which obtained the full approbation and unity of Friends.

Few persons will be found who more fully enjoyed the perusal of the Holy Scriptures or more highly valued their sacred contents. – His diary gives evidence, that it was his practice to read portions of them every morning

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and evening, and at other times as he had opportunity during each day; and that he sought in this engagement to be possessed of that solid frame of mind — of that prayerful Spirit by which he might know the saving truths contained therein made plain to his understanding and applied to his heart. The following memorandum manifests his appreciation of Gospel Truth and the interest with which he perused the Sacred volume.

"18[illegible] 1st month 9th — The portions of Scripture that have been read since the commencement of the year embracing the first ten chapters of Genesis — the last two chapters of Luke — the whole of the Evangelist John, and the first of the acts of the apostles — are perhaps as deeply interesting as any equal portion of the inspired writings.

The creation of the world — of man in the image of his maker — his fall, and the promise of one that should bruise the serpent's head — the mighty flood that came upon the earth for the wickedness of man — when all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of Heaven were opened, and "all the high hills" and the tops of the mountains were covered with water, and man and all flesh died that moved upon the earth" save righteous Noah and his family, and the creatures preserved alive with him in the ark. — "The gracious promise that the waters should no more become a flood to destroy all flesh — that while the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." — The token of the bow — the repeopling of the earth — are all subjects of an highly interesting nature and of which we have no other authentic history. But how transcendently important to man are the truths unfolded by the Evangelists. — He who had once for the wickedness of men swept over the face of the earth with a mighty flood, "So loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who in the beginning was the Word, who was with God and

7mo 1846, was God, and of whom the Apostle declared, that all things were made by Him and without Him was not any thing made

Memorial that was made — condescended to take upon himself our infirmities

of and bare our sicknesses — was made flesh and dwelt among us —

A Shearman He that was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world — He who declared that he and his father were one — and that he had power to lay down his life and power to take it again — condescended in infinite mercy to lay down his life for the sheep" — "to suffer the humiliating death of the cross, for the sins of mankind. His triumphant resurrection and ascension into glory. — The promise of another Comforter who shall abide with his faithful followers forever: These are themes in comparison with which and those connected with and growing out of them, all others dwindle into insignificance. How satisfactory is the attestation borne by our blessed Redeemer, to the truths of the Old Testament, as related in the 24th of Luke; when beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. — and again "these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which ~~are~~ were written in the law of Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms concerning me." — How consolatory to his immediate Disciples must have been the parting discourse of their blessed Lord, as recorded in the 13th to the 17th chapter of John — and how full of important and instructive doctrines! It is a portion of Scripture upon which I have long delighted to dwell — and Oh! that my life was more conformed to the holy pattern therein set before us."

In the 1st month 1846 he had an attack of paralysis, which deprived him of the use of his limbs for the remainder of his days. His mind however continued clear and his faculties unimpaired. The following extract from a letter written in the 2d month following shows the state of his mind at that time. — "I am now occupying very nearly the same position that I did at the time of that parting farewell being entirely unable to move without assistance; but I desire not to murmur or complain, at the afflictive dispensation that has been meted out to me, in wisdom, as I

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trust, but rather to number with a grateful heart, as far as ability is given me to do so, the blessings which in mercy I am still permitted, unworthy as I am to enjoy."

About this time he delivered the books and papers of the Yearly Meeting into the charge of the Meeting for Sufferings and left the following memorandum respecting the occurrence. — "Delivered the Yearly Meeting Books and papers agreeably to a minute of the Meeting for Sufferings after having had charge of them for about twenty seven years namely since 6mo 1819 And on looking back thro this long series of years, I can truly say that it has been my endeavor to serve the meeting as well at the table, as in what has been required of me out of meeting, in honesty and uprightness of heart, and that I retain a grateful sense of the uniform kindness which I have received at the hands of Friends. And while sensible that I have nothing to boast of, there seems to be an allowable satisfaction in feeling that I can leave the table without any feeling of uneasiness in the retrospect. — with the consciousness that however I may at times have erred in judgment there has been none of intention.

Notwithstanding his infirmity he attended the ensuing Yearly Meeting and was present at most of its sittings, taking his usual lively interest in the concerns of Society and the welfare of its members. On his return home he made the following entry in his diary. "Arrived home less fatigued than I could have expected and glad that I had made an effort to attend this Yearly Meeting thro' which we have had a continued evidence that we are not a forsaken people. May the praise be ascribed to Him to whom alone it is due." — The next day he adds, "In my quiet chamber, sensibly feeling the difference between the cordial sympathy of friends whom I have left and the solitude of my own reflections — a change no doubt necessary for the proper stay of the mind, in humble dependence upon Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift."

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He continued to get out to meetings, as they came in course with but few exceptions, and also to give attention to the concerns of Society which had rested with him for so many years, until the 2 month 1849 when he experienced a second attack of paralysis and from this time his health and strength rapidly failed. But as the time for holding our Yearly Meeting drew nigh, he became very desirous of once more attending it, and altho it seemed doubtful whether he could do so and return, being very much enfeebled, yet he succeeded in performing the journey and attended several sittings of the meeting and Friends were comforted in again having him with them.

Not long after his return he became increasingly ill and his mind at the same time appeared to be much depressed, but after a season of trial, his usual equanimity was restored, and on this occasion he stated to a friend, that his mind had been for some time tried; but through great mercy he thought he could now say that he felt his way clear and could see nothing to fear, — adding "what a favor it would be if I could be quietly removed".

To a friend in the ministry who remarked to him that she believed that altho doubts might arise at times, yet before the final close he would have them all removed and be enabled to see with clearness that he had a mansion in the heavens and there receive a crown of glory, he replied "I have no merit of my own but trust alone in unmerited mercy through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

On a subsequent occasion he said to a valued friend that people sometimes desired their friends to remember them when they had access to the throne of Grace but the feeling now with him was to desire his friends to join him in songs of praise and thanksgiving. To a relative he remarked "it has been my object thro life to maintain a conscience void of offense toward God and man and I feel a degree of satisfaction in the retrospect, I thought thou might some time wish to tell this to thy children".

Speaking of the concerns of society; he said that

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he had endeavored to discharge his duty in this respect: and felt peaceful in having done so — adding "perhaps there have been a few instances in which something better might have been done, but in the main I feel satisfied. I have nothing against any one personally — nothing but love and good will towards all."

A few days before his death he remarked to a relative with whom he had long resided "this poor body seems only an incumbrance." To which she replied she had no doubt he would be released from it in the best time. He said "I hope so. I have no wish to stay. I have endeavored to do what I thought was right all my life through and I feel willing and ready to go. I have far greater prospects in view than any thing this world affords. He quietly breathed his last on the evening of the 26th of 12th month 1847 in the seventy first year of his age. An elder about twenty three years.

In closing this testimony of our beloved friend we feel it right to add that we are comforted by the evidence graciously afforded us that he realized the fruition of his hopes; and that through the mercies of the Redeemer whom he loved he was admitted into those mansions that are prepared for the righteous; and that the language may with great propriety be adopted "the memory of the just is blessed."

Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3mo 22, 1849

Wm C Taber }
Sarah H. Anthony } Clerks

10th 1849 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich 10mo 4th 1849

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows - from

Sandwich - David Kelley, Stephen Dillingham, Solomon Hoxie
Pembroke - Saml Brown, Moses F. Rogers
Nantucket - Heman Crocker, Matthew Barney
Dartmouth - Benjn. Akin, Benj Potter, Daniel Ward
Westport - Isaac Macomber, Wm W Gifford, Stephen Allen
New Bedford - John Howland, David Davis, Wm P. Howland
Wm R. Taber,

who are all present.

Jno Meader visit

Our beloved friend John Meader of Providence Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable and satisfactory to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

E. Wings visit

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable and satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth.

L. Gifford to Westbury &c visit

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had accompanied his mind for some time to perform a religious visit to friends of the Quarterly Meetings of Westbury, Purchase, Nine Partners and Stanford Quarterly Meetings and if way should open for it to appoint some meetings among those not members of our Society; which claiming the solid consideration

was united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein 10mo 1849
as best wisdom may direct, he being a minister in
unity with us. The clerk is directed to endorse the
substance of this minute on his certificate from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Ruth H Baker opened in R H Baker
this meeting a concern which had for some time accom- visit to
panied her mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting N. Carolina
of North Carolina and some of the meetings constituting it
also as way should open for it to appoint some meetings
among friends and others within its limits; which after
a time of solid consideration was united with and
she encouraged to pursue her prospect as way may open
for it agreeably to the pointings of Truth, she being a
minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed
to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in endorsing the substance of this minute on her certificate from
Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished
we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12th month
next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12mo 1849
12mo 6 1849

Accounts being received from all our Monthly
Meetings the representatives therein named to this
meeting are as follows viz from
Sandwich - Silas Baker, Stephen Dillingham Saml B Dottridge
Pembroke - Moses F Rogers, James West
Nantucket - Seth Mitchell, Heman Crocker, Matthew Barney
Dartmouth - Joseph Gifford Abner Potter 2d, Danl Howland
Benjamin Potter:
Westport - John Potter Adrian Davis, Danl Macomber
New Bedford - Rufus Shearman Richard Davis Wm Taber
who are all present.

Our beloved friends John D Lang, of Vassalborough

12m 1849 Monthly Meeting, Samuel Taylor of Sidney Mo. Mg and
J D Lang Eli Jones of China Mo Mg. attended this meeting and presented
S Taylor satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings expressive
E Jones of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present reli-
visit gious engagements.— Their company and religious services
have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish
them respectively with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

E Page Our esteemed friend Enoch Page of Salem Monthly Meeting
comp. also attended this meeting as companion to his wife Sophronia
Page and presented a satisfactory minute from that monthly
meeting. His company has been acceptable to us and the
clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from
all our Monthly Meetings to the first second and tenth.

S. Page Our beloved friend Sophronia Page of Salem Monthly
visit Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory
minute from her friends expressive of their unity with her min-
istry and present religious concern — Her company and
religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is
directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in
furnishing her with a ~~copy~~ of minute embracing the substance
of this.

Com. from The following communication embraced in the account
Nantucket received at this time from Nantucket Mo. Mg having been
Mo Mg read and considered we appoint our friends David K Akin
& Committee Himan Crocker, Stephen Dillingham, Wm P Howland, Isaac W.
appo. Gifford, Moses F. Rogers, John Howland Nathan Wing, Josiah
Holmes Jr John Potter and Wm C Taber to take the subject
into serious consideration, to consult with friends of Nantucket
in regard to it and report their judgment in the case to our
next Quarterly Meeting.

"The subject of a new meeting house for the accommo-
dation of Friends of this place, having several times claimed
the solid consideration of this meeting, friends are united in
judgment that the advice of the Quarterly Meeting should
be obtained. Beside an uneasiness on the part of some
friends in reference to meeting in the house which we now

occupy, the unsuitableness of the building and the amount of 12mo 1849
rent are deemed sufficient cause for a change and the entire
inability of friends of this meeting to bear the expense of a
new building will we trust be a sufficient apology for thus
appealing to the Quarterly Meeting. Signed on behalf of
Nantucket Mo. Meetg. held 11mo 29 1849 Matthew Barney clerk."

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting S Howland
a minute furnished her in the 4th mo 1848 to perform a religious returns
visit to friends of Great Britain and Ireland and if way opened Minute
for it to visit those professing with us on the continent of Europe
She also presented a satisfactory certificate from the Yearly Meetg.
of Ministers and Elders held in Dublin in the 5th month last
stating that her gospel labors had been truly acceptable and her
conduct and conversation amongst them instructive and edifying
and she informed the meeting that she had been favoured to
experience the Everlasting Arm to be her support in the per-
formance of the labors required and to feel a peaceful release
from her prospect of service on the Continent. As her visit
was not accomplished at the time of the last London Yearly Meetg.
no returning certificate has been received from that meeting.
The account given of the performance of this weighty religious engage-
ment is satisfactory and comforting to friends of this meeting.

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approv- W R Taber
ing the public ministry of William R. Taber – the womens meet- Ministry
ing concurring herein and the clerk is directed to inform the approved
said Quarterly Meeting hereof.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned to this L Gifford
meeting a minute furnished him at our last Quarterly Meeting returns
to perform a religious visit to friends of some of the Quarterly Minute
Meetings in New York Yearly Meeting – He also presented
returning minutes from the Quarterly Meetings of Westbury
Purchase and Nine Partners and also from the Monthly Meetings
of Oblong stating that his company had been acceptable and
his gospel labors satisfactory which is acceptable to this
meeting. –

Our beloved friend Ruth H Baker returned to this R H Baker
meeting a minute furnished her at our last Quarterly returns min

12 mo 1849 Meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina and to perform some further religious service within the limits of that meeting. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, from Western Q^r. Meet^g and from the Monthly Meetings of Springfield, Deep Creek and Deep River stating that her gospel labors had been satisfactory and edifying and informed this meeting that she had been enabled to perform the service required of her to the peace of her own mind.— which is satisfactory to friends.

The business brought before us at this time being accomplished we conclude — proposing to meet again in the 4^th mo. next at this place; if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4 mo 1850 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 4. 1850

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are as follows

from Sandwich David K. Akin, Stephen R Wing Edw^d. G. Dillingham
Pembroke — Edward [illegible] Little, Calvin [illegible]
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard, Heman Crocker
Dartmouth Isaac K Gifford Geo. Almy Joseph Gifford
Westport John Potter Isaac Macomber Adrian Davis
New Bedford Geo. Howland Jr Elisha Thornton Thomas Wood
Wm C Taber

who are all present.

Clerks app^d. The time for which the Clerk and assistant of this meeting were appointed having expired the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and Ch^s. R Tucker for Assistant Clerk which was united with by this meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting on the application then made by friends of

11 mo 1850 Nantucket presented the following report which was read and accepted and the same Committee are directed to continue the subject under their care and to inquire whether a suitable building can be obtained for the accommodation of that meeting and if so to assist them in obtaining it — to report the result to our next Quarterly Meeting.

11 mo 1850
Nantucket
Mo Mtg

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the 12th month last on the request of Nantucket Monthly Meeting report — that they have given attention to their appointment and part of their number have visited friends there and had interviews with them and their inquiry has resulted in inducing them to recommend to the Quarterly Meeting that a Committee be appointed to assist Nantucket friends in procuring a more suitable building to hold their meetings ~~in~~ than the one now occupied) or if ~~one~~ cannot be obtained that the Committee be empowered to advise and assist them in building such an house as will accommodate that meeting, and to draw on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meetg for the amount of the cost if necessary.

Report

Signed
David [illegible]
New Bedford 11 mo 4, 1850
Stephen Dillingham
Moses F Rogers
[illegible]
Isaac R Gifford
[illegible]
Josiah Holmes Jr
Wm C Taber
John Howland

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Wing to the Station of an elder and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] to the same Station. — The women's meeting concurring herein. The Clerk is directed to inform the said Quarterly Meeting of their appointment.

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding their Monthly Meeting in the 5th month from the 6th

4th 1850 day preceding the first 5th day to the 6th day following the first
Changes in 5th day in that month; and in holding the Monthly Meeting of
Sandwich Yarmouth which is now held at Sandwich in the 8th month. The
Mo. Mo. above minutes concerning them and the clerk is directed to inform
Sandwich Monthly Meeting thereof.

Rep. to George Howland Calvin Shepherd Benj. Gifford Henry T.
Yy. Mo. Wood, Joseph Gifford, John Potter, & Isaac R. Gifford are appointed
representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Quarterly We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid
& their respective proportions of Stock to our Treasurer and also that
Yy. Mo. our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the
Stock Treasurer of that meeting.

We unite with the womens meeting in approving the
Testimony testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting the exem-
M. Card plary life and services of our late beloved friend Mary Card
and the clerk is directed to forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings

Committee The Committee appointed in the 10th month 1848 to render
Sandwich such advice and assistance to Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the
M. g House repairs of their meeting house as might appear necessary presented
the following report which was read and accepted and in ac-
cordance with a further verbal recommendation of the committee
our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of Sandwich Mo.
Meeting the sum of one hundred dollars when in funds.

Eliz. We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence
[illegible] with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth
Elder [illegible] to the station of an Elder.

To the Quarterly Meeting

Report. The Committee appointed in the 10th
month 1848 upon the subject of repairing the meeting house
at Sandwich have considered the subject and propose
that the Quarterly Meeting pay to Sandwich Monthly Meeting
toward the repairs of said house two hundred dollars.
The Committee have learned since their appointment that
the amount of one hundred dollars received for the sale of the old meet-
ing house at Sandwich after the present house was built was
paid to the Quarterly Meeting. On behalf of the Committee
New Bedford 4th 14. 1850 Isaac R. Gifford
Moses H. Rogers

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk. | 4 mo 1850 Report to Y. Meet.g

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode-Island for New England

Dear Friends

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies of the same were forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. Five hundred copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have also been received and distributed among our members.

We have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of William H [illegible] and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Wing and Elizabeth Swift to the station of Elders and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Parret Beard to the same station.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives to which service we have appointed our friends George Howland, [illegible] Shepherd, Lemuel Gifford, Henry [illegible] Wood, Joseph Wing, Joseph Gifford, John Potter & Isaac R Gifford.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4 mo 4 1850

Wm C Taber Clk

Stephen Dillingham, Wm Gifford, Moses Swift- Edward G Dillingham, David K Akin & Lemuel Gifford are appointed to make such arrangements as may be found necessary for holding the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth. | Committee to make arrangements at Falm.o

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth on the first fifth day in the Seventh month next at 10 O'clock A.M. if the Lord permit

Wm C Taber Clerk

4th mo 1850 Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Answers to Queries 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except one small meeting occasioned by the absence from home of some of its members and the inclemency of the weather. Those on First days by the greater part of our members while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Generally clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour. Some care has been extended.

2d Love and unity appear to be generally maintained and detraction guarded against. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3d Most friends are concerned to bring up those under their care as queried and to be examples themselves. Yet some deficiencies are reported in two of the answers. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in friends families.

4th Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes with one exception, in which labor has been bestowed. Generally clear in the other parts of this query

5th Care is taken in these respects.

6th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query

7th Clear as far as appears

8th Friends appear to be generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificate, which are under notice.

10th We endeavor to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to our discipline.

7th mo 1850 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 4th 1850

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz
from Sandwich. Robert Wing, Moses Swift, Joseph Wing
Pembroke ~~Wm Mitchell~~ James West Jos R Shepherd
Nantucket Wm Mitchell, Heman Crocker
Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford Tim^o Akin Benj^n Potter

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Westport – Stephen Allen Adrian Davis Wm Macomber
New Bedford – Edmund Gardner Rufus Shearman, Francis
Bowman, Elnathan E Delano.

who are all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Elisha Jones visit

Our beloved friend Elisha Jones of China Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from his friends expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

S Jones & Comp. to RW Jones

Our beloved friend Stephen Jones Jr an Elder of the same Monthly Meeting also attended this meeting as companion to his wife Rachel W Jones and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

Extract Y M's Minutes

Extracts from the minutes from our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and the report of a Committee appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the same, were received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

RW Jones visit

Our beloved friend Rachel W Jones of China Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from her friends expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

Com. on Nant. Mo. Mg report

The Committee appointed in the 12th month last year on the application of friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting presented the following report which is satisfactory to this meeting and the friends now under appointment together with Wm Mitchell are continued and are desired to carry

7mo 1850 into effect the objects proposed — to report to this meeting when the service is accomplished

Report Nantucket Meeting House

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed on the request of Nantucket Monthly Meeting report that they have given further attention to the subject and their inquiries have confirmed them in the opinion that the best interest of Society would be promoted by the erection of a suitable house in which to hold their meetings, as it does not appear that a satisfactory building can be obtained for this purpose. They would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to assist friends of that monthly Meeting in carrying into effect the above object, and that they be authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the whole or such part of the expense as may be found necessary.

They may add that it is expected that a part of the fund belonging to Nantucket Monthly Meeting can be obtained so as to be applied to the erection of the house and they would propose that the committee be also authorised to make such arrangements as may be requisite for this end under the advice of the Meeting for Sufferings. Which they submit to the Qy Mtg.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee

Falmouth 7mo 4. 1850 John Howland

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Yy Mg Stock

By a communication from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

Auditors

The Auditors report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find a balance in his hands of 95 cents.

$750. raised

It is concluded to raise the sum of Seven hundred fifty dollars for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

The clerk informs, that he has forwarded information to the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Barnet Beard and Joseph Wing to the station of Elders and to Sandwich Monthly Meeting of our approval of the proposed alteration in holding their Monthly Meeting in the 7th & 8th months. Also that he has forwarded the memorial of our late dear friend Mary Card to the Meeting for Sufferings. 7mo 1850

The London General Epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting also received at this time were directed to be forwarded in the usual proportions to our several Monthly Meetings. London Epistle

The business brought before us at this time being accomplished we conclude; proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich, if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm Taber Clerk

Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting Mary Card. Memorial of M. Card

When it pleaseth our Heavenly Father to remove, from works to rewards, a faithful laborer in his militant church, whose example and influence have been exercised for good, through a long life of faith and patience, it becomes survivors to keep them in remembrance, that in the view thereof, others may be incited to love and good works, and be engaged to walk by the same rule, and to mind the same thing, to the praise of that grace which sustained them amid the trials of time, and through the valley of the shadow of death.

Our late beloved friend Mary Card, the subject of this memoir; was born at Newport, Rhode Island, fifth month, 17th, 1769, of parents, who were not members of our religious Society; although her mother had been a birthright-member, and appears to have always retained a regard for the principles in which she had been educated; to have been frequent in the perusal of the holy Scriptures and the writings of early Friends; and her pious care had evidently a lasting effect upon the mind of her daughter.

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of
Mary Card

By memoranda found among her papers, we learn that, when very young, not more than nine or ten years of age, she was brought sensibly under the influence of Divine grace, and was very serious and thoughtful, even at that tender age; but as she advanced in life, being naturally of a lively disposition, she gave way to an inclination to participate in the amusements of her youthful companions, and in the gayety and fashions of the day. But this indulgence of self in vanity, was not of long duration; for, yielding to the admonition of the still, small voice which reproves for sin, and points to the right path, she was led to renounce all that seemed so attractive and alluring to the youthful mind, and to take up the cross to her natural inclination in a remarkable degree; for, when the word was heard in the secret of her heart, she conferred not with flesh and blood, but from a sense of duty, and with a sincere desire to do her Heavenly Father's will, she renounced all, left her gay companions, and at twenty one or twenty two years of age, (as nearly as can be ascertained,) gave up to follow the Master in the way of his requirings, which led her into great simplicity, and into a surrender of what she believed called for. From that time until her removal from works to rewards (at nearly eighty years of age,) she manifested in her christian walk an example of faith and submission to the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the records of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, it appears she was received into membership tenth month, 30th, 1792, and in the twelfth month, 1795, she was married to the late Jonathan Card, and settled at Nantucket. In the twelfth month, 1796, they removed to New Bedford, and thereby became members of this Monthly Meeting.

Her public appearances in the ministry were approved by New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the third mo. 1818. Though her religious communications were not frequent or lengthy, yet, through Divine grace,

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we believe she was often favoured to reach the pure witness in the heart. Her labors in the ministry were chiefly confined to the limits of her own Meeting though she made a few visits to the families of Friends of neighbouring Monthly Meetings, in which she was very acceptably engaged. Our dear departed friend was truly a mother in Israel, watching upon the walls of Zion, bearing the burden of the Lord before the people. She was of a diffident and retiring mind, and very humble in the estimation of her own abilities. Her reverent and solid deportment in meetings, of which she was a diligent attender to a late period of her life, even under much suffering from a painful disease, is still remembered by many, as instructive and encouraging.

She has left out little on record of the conflicts of spirit which were her portion in the straight and narrow way in which she was called to walk; but enough to show that, in sincerity and truth, her desire was to do her days work in the day time; and that, in childlike dependence on the gracious Arm of Strength, she "pressed forward towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Her solicitude and care for her children, and those with whom she was associated, led her to improve such opportunities as offered to say a word in season for their encouragement; endeavoring to lead the young to the serious consideration of that which would conduce to their peace in a trying hour. By the side of the sick and dying, her simple faith and tender sympathy were calculated to give hope and comfort to the sufferer, whom she would encourage to look to the source of consolation and mercy on which her own mind was so stedfastly fixed, and which she had found to be an unfailing help in every needful time.

Some extracts from her memoranda, evincing her faith and the fervency of her devotion, are subjoined as

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of Mary Caid

21st of 10th month, 1810. — Emerging almost as from the grave, wherein I have been made to see Thy wonder-working ~~power~~ hand; Thy power above every other power; Thy goodness; Thy long-suffering, and unbounded love and mercy towards Thy poor creatures; I feel engaged to celebrate Thy most holy name, "who art glorious in holiness fearful in praises, working wonders through the might of Thy power. Yet forever blessed and adored be Thy glorious name, who condescendeth to the low estates of the workmanship of Thy holy hands; pitying their fallen condition, their weakness and infirmity; their proneness to evil rather than good; and in Thy matchless loving kindness, Thou hast again stretched forth Thy helping hand to me who am utterly unable (unless Thou art pleased to be with and lead the way) to take one step aright for the promotion of Thy precious cause in the earth, or to the honor of Thy name, which has become very dear to me. Thy condescending love hath ravished my heart, inasmuch as Thou has been pleased at seasons to enter therein, sometimes for its consolation, and at other times for its improvement and refinement, holding forth the lamp of Thy love, showing the spots and blemishes, pointing to the way to be healed of them all, which is bearing the cross daily, and following Thee in singleness of heart; denying self, and looking above the artful insinuations of the unwearied enemy unto Thee, the never failing source of strength and support to all who put their trust in Thee."

1819. — "Thou, O just and righteous Lord, wilt have a tried people, tried and proved. O, that every trial may be sanctified to my soul which Thou, O gracious Being, mayest see meet in Thy wisdom to suffer to overtake or come upon me; and that Thou my Lord and Master, would endue me with grace to bless the means, however sharp, that enables me to see the depth of the iniquity that is in me. May I be so favoured of Thee, as to improve under every such proof of Thy fatherly regard, and bless Thy

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holy name, that dost not leave me without Thy wholesome chastisements. If Thou but grant thy blessing of preservation, it is no matter by whom crosses are administered, if they clear the mental sight, and the eye of the mind be reanointed to see Thy gracious designs in thus permitting the grand enemy so to buffet and employ his instruments, in order to overset Thy work in my soul. Wilt Thou, O dearest Lord, strengthen my trust, and hope, and faith in Thee; Thou who wast never foiled in battle; that through Thee, and Thy all-powerful saving help, I may become conqueror over all the evil propensities of my heart, and that I may be willing that all should come to the light, and be brought to Thy judgment, and be judged down. Teach me more and more that it is in this way alone I can hope for justification from Thee."

"1833. — Oh! my soul, seek thou thy God; remember the gracious promise of the holy, blessed and ever to be adored Redeemer, that "they that ask, shall receive; they that seek, shall find; and to them that knock, it shall be opened." O, that I may seek for ability to ask aright for that succor my soul stands in need of; for He, the blessed dispenser of every good and perfect gift, alone knows what to give, that will most contribute to my furtherance in the things that belong to my souls peace. May I not refuse to drink of the "bitter" cup sometimes administered, but, confidently rely on Him who can convert it into a blessing, by making hard things easy and bitter things sweet, and is a present helper in every needful time. Blessed be His holy name forever!"

The same trusting spirit, the same true faith, was, through her long life, the leading principle of her mind; and through many trying seasons, was her help and support.

Her mind was often concerned for her children, on account of many of the pernicious publications of the day; that they might not spend their time in perusing that which would not tend to their improvement, and often was her advice, counsel and persuasion employed to prevent;

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as much as possible, the introduction of such reading among them. Her own example in regard to this was much in accordance with her principles, for, with the Holy Scriptures and the writings of those whose Christian experience and sound principles were strengthening to her mind, her time was much occupied, and very pleasantly so to the last days of her life, affording much consolation in seasons of suffering and pain.

"Thus did this humble Christian continue on in the path which she had chosen in early life; and so did she persevere to the end of the race, placing her faith and hope on that Almighty power which she felt to be her support, and to whom, with humble thankfulness, her praise was given, and her resignation to his will made manifest.

Her last days were days of suffering to the poor body, so that some were almost ready to query in their minds why one so faithful, should be thus called upon to suffer and endure. She was often heard to say, she had never felt the least murmuring thought to arise; and in all humility would acknowledge she was sensible of the all-sustaining Arm that had been with and kept her through her life to be underneath, bearing up and supporting in the hour of deep distress, believing her mind was safely anchored on Christ the Rock of Ages, against which nothing could prevail.

A friend, who visited her in her last sickness, thus speaks of the interviews: "I found her in a quiet and sweet frame of mind, suffering much from a fatal malady, but enduring it with truly exemplary patience. She expressed her strong desire that she might be thus sustained until the time of her departure should come, and declared that she was then witnessing that support and well grounded hope, which is alone to be found in a firm belief that mercy would be extended to her through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose merits she trusted, and through whom, as the only Door, she looked for an entrance into the fold of safety."

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She sweetly departed to her rest on First day, the twenty seventh of Second month, 1848. A minister about thirty years. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." 2mo 1850

Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, held Second month, 28th 1850

Wm C. Taber }
Sarah H. Anthony } Clerks.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 3 1850. 10mo 3 1850

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives appointed to this meeting are as follows viz.—

from Sandwich Saml B Dottridge Malliah Gifford
Isaiah Crocker
Pembroke James West Nathan T Shepherd
Nantucket Geo Easton Heman Crocker
Dartmouth Prince Allen Howard Potter Geo. Almy
Westport John W Gifford John Macomber
Stephen Allen
New Bedford John Howland Wm P Howland
Elnathan E Delano Edmund Gardner

who are all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends Nathan Douglas of Durham Monthly Meeting and Caleb Jones of Falmouth Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry, and present religious engagements— their company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute as it relates to each. N Douglas C Jones visit

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. Queries

10mo 1850

Com. on holdg Qr. Mg at Falmouth

The committee appointed in the 4th month last to make such arrangements as might be found necessary for holding the Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth presented the following report which was read and accepted and our Treasurer is directed to pay the amount of expense incurred viz forty four 50/100 dolls.

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Sandwich

Dear friends

Report

Your Committee to prepare for the holding of the Quarterly Meeting recently held at Falmouth, have attended thereto, and present the following bill of the expense

Wm Gifford on behalf of the Committee

West Falmouth 7mo 20. 1850

E F Rodgers appeal

In the account from Pembroke we are informed that Elisha F Rodgers has given notice to that meeting of his intention to appeal to the Quarterly Meeting from the judgment of that Monthly Meeting and that they had appointed a committee to represent the case on their behalf but as the appellant has not presented himself at this time no action was had in the case.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

12mo 1850

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12mo 5, 1850

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

from Sandwich	David Kelley, Newel Hoxie, Moses Swift.
Pembroke	Samuel Brown Otis Ellis
Nantucket	Wm Mitchell, Heman Crocker Seth Mitchell
Dartmouth	Joshua W Gifford Abner Potter Isaac K Gifford.
Westport	John Potter Isaac Macomber Nathl Gifford
New Bedford	Saml Wing John Wood Geo. Howland & Wm R Taber

who are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned

12mo 1850

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

Queries

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones of China Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from that Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry, and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

Sybil Jones visit

The following communication from the Yearly Meetg of Ministers and Elders held in London 21st of 5th mo. last in relation to the late visit of our beloved friend Susan Howland was received and read at this time and the testimony given to the character of her labors of love in that land is satisfactory and animating to us.

" To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New-England, To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and to
New Bedford Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended our last Yearly Meeting and produced certificates from you expressive of your unity and concurrence with her in her prospect of religious service in this land.

S Howlands returning Minute from London

We believe it right to certify on her behalf that she has diligently and very generally attended in several meetings of Friends in this Yearly Meeting, manifesting her great concern not to omit very small meetings — that her labors in the Gospel of Christ have been acceptable and edifying — and that her conduct and conversation amongst us have been marked by watchfulness and love.

We have been glad to hear of her return to her family and friends in safety and we trust that she has been favoured to feel that relief of mind and to partake of that peace which our blessed Savior mercifully grants to his

12mo 1850 devoted servants.

We are with the salutation of love, your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 21st of the 5th month 1850 by

George Stacey, Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the fourth month next at this place if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C Taber, clerk

4mo 1851 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 3, 1851:

By accounts received from all our Monthly Mtgs the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz. from

Sandwich, Joseph Wing, Robert Wing, Moses Swift
Pembroke, Edward P. Little Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket William Mitchell Heman Crocker
Dartmouth Benj. Potter Paul Fisher Abraham Russell
Barret Beard
Westport Stephen Allen John Macomber, Abm Macomber
New Bedford Giles E Stanton, John Wood, John Howland
Edmund Gardner

who are all present.

Clerks appd. The time for which the clerk and assistant were appointed having expired, the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment — which proposition was united with and they appointed to those services accordingly.

B. Seebohm Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm of
date of Cert. Great Britain attended this meeting and presented
3mo 13 1846 satisfactory certificates from Brighouse Monthly Meeting
3 " 25 " held 3mo 13, 1846 also from York Quarterly Meeting held
5mo " in the 3d month and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held in the 5th month of the same year
expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry

and their sympathy with him in his present religious engagement.
His company and gospel labors have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Robert Lindsey also attended this meeting as companion to the above named friend and produced satisfactory certificates ~~expressive~~ from the same meetings expressive of the unity of his friends with his concern to accompany his friend Benjamin Seebohm.
His company and gospel labors have also been acceptable and satisfactory to us. -

R Lindsey
date of Certificates
9th mo 18, 1846
9th 23 "
10th 12 "

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint ~~our friends~~ Edmund Gardner Isaac R. Gifford Moses H. Rogers, John Howland Joseph Wing, William Mitchell, Stephen Allen and Stephen Dillingham.

Queries

Rep. to Yy. Mg

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid or directed to be paid the sum ~~directed~~ required to be raised for the service of this meeting to our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed in the 7th month last to assist Friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the erection of a Meeting House presented the following report which was accepted and the following friends are named to advise with the Treasurer of that Monthly Meeting as recommended in the report viz. David K. Akin John Howland and William C. Taber.

Com. to assist Nant Mo Mg

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the seventh month last to assist Friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the erection of a meeting house report that they have given attention to their appointment and have rendered such advice and assistance as seemed to be required. A small but suitable building has been erected in an eligible situation with which friends of that meeting appear to be well satisfied and has now been occupied

4mo 1851 by them about four months. The cost of the land buildings fences &c., with interest on money advanced is $2022 43/100.—

Report of Joint Com.

Owing to circumstances which are related in the accompanying paper from the Treasurer of that Monthly Meeting the funds which it was expected would be applied toward the erection of the building have not been realized and as it does not appear probable that they will be obtained immediately the committee have as they were directed to do, drawn on the Treasurer of this meeting for the whole amount. The committee would recommend the appointment of a few friends on the part of the Quarterly Meeting to advise with the Treasurer of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in reference to the collection of the funds alluded to.

For the Committee

New Bedford 4mo 3 1851 David K Akin

(Minute of Nantucket Mo. Mg.)

The Treasurer of this meeting is requested to collect the funds belonging to this meeting which are on deposit in the Institution for Savings and also the amount in the hands of Abraham R. Wing and pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting in part liquidation of the sum paid for our meeting house and inform the building committee of the result and report at our next Monthly Meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish the building committee with a copy of this minute.

Extract from the minutes of Nantucket Monthly Meeting held 3mo 27, 1851 M. Barney Clerk

Com. from Treas. of Nantucket Mo. Mg.

To the Quarterly Meetings committee for superintending the building of Friends Meeting House at Nantucket.

Agreeably to the request of the monthly meeting as per minute I have called on the Treasurer of the Institution for Savings for the deposit in that Institution belonging to Friends and was informed that the Trustees of the Institution had forbidden its payment for the present with or without indemnity.

With regard to the funds in my own hands it

consists of a joint note and the person who is obligated with myself is out of the country, and his property and condition being peculiarly circumstanced I do not at present deem it safe to pay the money even with indemnity, but have thought of consulting the meeting for Sufferings, having already taken the advice of individuals of competent judgment-
Nantucket 3mo 31, 1851 A R Wing,
Treas of Nantucket Mo Meeting

Sand. Mo. Mg relinquishes approp.

We are informed by a friend of Sandwich Monthly Meeting that it had been concluded to relinquish the sum directed to be paid to the Treasurer of that Monthly Meeting in the 4th month last year which is acceptable to this meeting.

We are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

M K Wing ministry approved & E Dillingham

We unite with the Womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Mercy K. Wing and also with the same meetings in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Dillingham. The clerk is directed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting ~~of their approvement~~ hereof.

The following report to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be Signed by the clerk. The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth at the time agreed upon last year if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Answers

Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two small ones, the omission of which was occasioned by unavoidable circumstances;— those on First-days by the greater part of our members, while mid-week meetings, and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Generally clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behavior. Some care has been extended.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most of our members; yet not so fully by all as would be best, and we fear detraction in some

4th mo 1857 instances is not so fully guarded against as the Truth requires. When differences have arisen care has been

Answers taken to end them.

to Queries 3d. We believe there is a care with Friends to bring up those under their direction as queried and to restrain them from ~~reading~~ pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world. Most Friends are examplary themselves. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are generally read in Friends families.

4th. Generally clear in respect to the several parts of this query, except two cases in the use of spirituous liquors, which are under notice.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Two instances have occurred of placing out children from among friends, one of which is beyond our control.

6th. Clear as far as appears, except one instance which is under notice.

7th. We believe that Friends generally are concerned to maintain our testimony against the payment of Priests wages. Clear in the other parts of this query.

8th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificate _ most of which are under notice.

10th. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after and to place judgment according to discipline.

Add to (The following report to the Yearly Meeting was

Y. M. Rep. omitted to be recorded in its proper place)

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and the report of a Committee appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the same have been received and read in this meeting and copies forwarded

4 mo 1851 to our several Monthly Meetings. Copies of the printed minutes 4 mo 1851 of the same meeting have also been received and distributed among our members. acc'd to

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer. Yr Mg

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Mercy K Wing, and also with the same meeting in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Dillingham.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives who are Edmund Gardner, Isaac R Gifford, Moses H Rogers, John Howland, Joseph Wing, Wm Mitchell Stephen Allen and Stephen Dillingham

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 3 1851
Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo 1851
7 mo 3, 1851

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows from
Sandwich - Moses Swift, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley
Pembroke - Saml Brown, James West
Nantucket - Abm R. Wing, Heman Crocker
Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford, Geo. Allen Barrett Beard
Westport John Macomber, Nathl Gifford, Isaac Macomber
New Bedford Rufus Shearman, Geo. Wing, Edmund Gardner
Richard Davis.
who are all present except three whose absence we are informed is occasioned by sickness in their families.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and B Seabohm Robert Lindsey of Great Britain have again been with R Lindsey us at this time and their company and gospel labors have visit been truly acceptable and edefying to us.

Our beloved friends Daniel Wood of Alum

7 Mo 1851 Dan'l Wood J Jordan J Owen visit Creek Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in the State of Ohio; James Jordan of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, New York; James Owen of Stoney Creek Monthly Meeting and Northern Quarterly Meeting, Indiana attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company, and religious services have been acceptable to us; and we are informed that they have also attended most of the meetings within our limits to the satisfaction of friends. The clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with a copy of this minute as it relates to each.

J Butler comp. Our beloved friend Jonathan Butler of Stoney Creek Monthly Meeting, companion to James Owen also attended this meeting in which his company has been acceptable to us.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

Extracts from minute Yy Mtg Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and the action of that meeting in regard to a regulation of discipline pointing out the course to be pursued in making additions to the meetings of ministers and elders was received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Yy Mtg Stock By a copy of minute received from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars.

Auditors report The Auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of forty nine dollars 22 cents.

The representatives report by one of their number that they have conferred together and agreed to propose that the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars be raised

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for the service of this meeting the ensuing year, they also propose Geo. Howland for Treasurer. Which propositions were accepted and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer, and George Howland is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

G Howland Treasr

Six hundred copies of the London general epistle for the year 1850, Seven hundred & fifty copies of the Epistle from the same meeting to its junior members and three hundred copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are received and directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings in the usual proportions.

London Epistle

The Clerk reports that he has informed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the approval by this meeting of the public ministry of Mercy K Wing and Elizabeth Dillingham.

Printed copies of a regulation of discipline adopted by our last Yearly Meeting in regard to the manner of making additions to the meetings of ministers and elders received from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings to be inserted in the books of Discipline belonging thereto. The clerk was directed to cause the insertion to be made in the books belonging to this meeting. Report to be made to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

Regn of Discipline

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford spread before this meeting a prospect which had for some time rested with much weight upon her mind to attend in gospel love the Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Indiana and Baltimore and some of the meetings belonging to each also to appoint some meetings ~~on the~~ way among friends and others on the way going and returning:— which concern claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting was fully and feelingly united with and she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate furnished her by Dartmo.

P. R. Gifford visit to Ohio &c

7mo 1851 Monthly Meeting and sign it on our behalf.

The committee appointed in the 4th month last to advise with the Treasurer of Nantucket Monthly Meeting inform that they are not ready to report.

The business brought before us being accomplished and having been favored at this time to experience as we humbly trust the sweet influences of our Heavenly Fathers love to be extended to us to our comfort and edification we conclude proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1851 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 2, 1851

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz: from

Sandwich – Newell Hoxie, Isaiah Crocker, Ephraim Sanford
Pembroke – Moses F Rogers, Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket – Heman Crocker Matthew Barney
Dartmouth – Pel^g Russell Wm Tucker, Humphrey Anthony
Westport – John W Gifford Dan^l Macomber John Potter
New Bedford – Sands Wing Rufus Sherman Wm R Taber
Henry T. Wood

who are all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

J. McLaughlin visit

Our beloved friend James McLaughlin of China Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from his friends expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Jos. Taber Comp.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taber also attended this meeting as companion to Jas. McLaughlin and presented a satisfactory minute from Unity Monthly Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes made in their respective cases.

Queries.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed by Pembroke Monthly Meeting that it has directed its proportion of Stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

L Gifford to visit Baltimore

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect of religious service which had for some time impressed his mind of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and some meetings within its limits, also to attend some meetings belonging to Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings going and returning and if way should open for it to appoint a few meetings within the limits of Baltimore and New York Yearly Meetings among those not members of our Society; which concern was fully united with by this meeting and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct, he being a minister in unity with us. — The clerk is directed to endorse this minute on the certificate of concurrence furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

Com from Elders Sand & Pemb.

The following communication being received from the Elders of Sandwich and Pembroke Select Preparative meeting we appoint Wm P Howland, Thomas Wood, Heman Crocker John W Gifford & Wm C Taber in connection with a similar committee from the Womens meeting to unite with them in the consideration of the case and to render such advice as way may open for.

"To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

The Elders of Sandwich and Pembroke Select Preparative Meeting have conferred together and are united in requesting of the Quarterly Meeting the appointment of a committee to confer with them in consideration of a case which has come under their notice agreeably to the late regulation of our discipline. —

By direction and on behalf of the Elders of said meeting
Sandwich 10mo 1, 1851
Daniel Bowerman
Abigail Crowell

10mo 1851
London Epistle

The London general epistle of the last year and an epistle from the same meeting to its junior members were read in this meeting to our satisfaction.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber clerk

12mo 1851

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 4th 1851

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows; from
Sandwich, Stephen Dillingham Solomon Hoxie Silas Baker.
Pembroke Saml. Brown Calvin Shepherd.
Nantucket Seth Mitchell, Heman Crocker, Seth Swift.
Dartmouth Geo. Almy Saml. Akin Barnet Beard.
Westport John Potter Adrian Davis Jno. W Gifford
New Bedford Wm P. Howland. Richard Davis Henry T. Wood Marlborough Bradford.
who are all present except one whose absence we are informed is occasioned by indisposition.

Visit Y. M. Com.

Several of the members of a committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate meetings, families or individuals were acceptably with us at this time and presented a copy of the minute of their appointment.

Queries

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

L. Gifford returns Minute

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford informed this meeting that he felt easy to return the minute furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting with the endorsement made at our last Quarterly Meeting; he also stated that he had been favored to perform nearly all the service he had had in prospect greatly to the peace of his own mind. He also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meeting held in Baltimore in the 10th month last and from Nine Partners Quarterly Mtg. —Which is satisfactory to friends.

12mo 1851

Com. to advise Elders Sand. & Pem.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise with the Elders of Sandwich & Pembroke Select Preparative Meeting presented the following report which is accepted with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting

Report

The committee appointed to advise with the Elders of Sandwich & Pembroke Select Preparative Meeting report that they have attended to their appointment and have imparted such advice as way opened for; and the circumstances of the case seemed to require

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford
12mo 4 1851

Thomas Wood
Heman Crocker
Wm P Howland
Lydia Congdon

We are informed that Nantucket Monthly Mtg. has forwarded its proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

P. R Gifford returns Cert.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford presented to this meeting a certificate furnished her by Dartmo Monthly Meeting and endorsed at our Quarterly Meeting held in the 7th month last together with satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Indiana and Baltimore, the Quarterly Meetings of Alum Creek and Springfield, Ohio and Baltimore and from the Monthly Meetings of Alum Creek, Upper Springfield and Gilead, Ohio. She also informed the meeting that she had been enabled through divine mercy to perform the contemplated service to the peace and relief of her own mind — all of which is satisfactory to friends.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the 4th month next if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4 Mo 1852 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 1 1852

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetgs we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz. from
Sandwich, Stephen R Wing David Kelley, Stephen Dillingham
Pembroke, Saml Brown Edwd P Little
Nantucket, Cromwell Barnard Heman Crocker, Matthew Barney
Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Isaac R. Gifford Geo. W Francis
Westport Nathl Gifford, John Potter John W Gifford
New Bedford Edmund Gardner, Saml. Davis, Richard Davis
Thomas Wood.
who are all present.

Clerk appd The time for which the clerk and assistant were appointed having expired the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Wm C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant clerk of this meeting, which propositions were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Minr Patterson visit Our beloved friend Jared Patterson attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly Meetings — A summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives; to which service we appoint

Rep. appd Benjamin Potter, John W Gifford, Isaac R Gifford Charles R. Tucker, Joseph Wing, Heman Crocker, David Kelley and Moses F. Rogers.

P. Wing's Ministry approved Done This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Presbury Wing The womens meeting concurring herein — and the clerk is directed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

4 mo 1852

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their respective proportions of Stock to our Treasurer and that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The clerk informs that he has inserted the regulation of discipline as directed in the 7th month last in all the Books of Discipline belonging to the Qy Mtg which have come to his hands.

Proposition from Dart Mo Mtg

A proposition, from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting that a new apportionment be made between our several Monthly Meetings of the sum raised for the service of the Quarterly Meeting was referred to the consideration of the representatives ~~that~~ who may be appointed to this meeting in the 7th month next.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerks, viz

Acct to Yy Mtg

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meetg embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee together with a regulation of discipline adopted at the same meeting defining the manner of making additions to the meetings of ministers and elders, have been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction. The London General Epistle and an Epistle from the same meeting to its Junior Members have also been received and read and copies of the above named papers together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Presbury Wing.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings — A summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives who are Benjamin Potter, John W Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford Charles R Tucker, Joseph Wing, Heman Crocker, David Kelley and Moses F. Rogers.

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4 mo 1852 Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 1. 1852 "Wm C Taber, Clerk"

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the Seventh month next if the Lord permit.

Attest: Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Answers 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those on First-days by most of our members, while those held in the middle of the week and for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping except a few instances and from other unbecoming behavior. Some care taken.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, yet not so fully by some as would be desirable. Most friends are concerned to guard against detraction. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

3d We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction as queried, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and they endeavor to be exemplary themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query. One case of the improper use of Spirituous liquors, on which care has been bestowed is reported by one Monthly Meeting and some instances of visiting places of amusement stated in the answers from another.

5th Care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th Most friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

7th Friends are concerned to maintain our testimonies against the payment of priests wages. Clear in the other parts of this query.

8th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query. 4 Mo 1852

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificate are reported, most of which are under notice.

10th. We believe there is a concern to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 Mo 1. 1852. 7 Mo 1852

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz. from,

Sandwich	David K Akin, Arnold Gifford Joseph Hoxie 3d
Pembroke	Saml Brown Moses F Rogers.
Nantucket	Seth Mitchell Abm R. Wing Matthew Barney
Dartmouth	Wm Tucker Abner Potter Jr Isaac R Gifford
Westport	Nathl Gifford Wm Macomber Stephen Allen
New Bedford	Edmund Gardner Josiah Holmes Jr Wm C. Taber & Peleg Wilbur.

who are all present except two, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friends Daniel Barker of Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, North Carolina — Charles Taber of Farnham Monthly Meetg. Canada East — Lindley M. Hoag of Sandwich Monthly Meetg. New Hampshire attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their friends expressive of their unity with their ministry and present religious engagements; — their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Danl Barker Chs Taber L M Hoag visit

Our beloved friends Joseph Newlin companion to Daniel Barker — Jesse Kenworthy companion to Edith Griffin — Paul Southwick, companion to Charles Taber and Oliver Meader Companion to Martha Meader attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes of concurrence from their respective meetings. Their J Newlin J Kenworthy P Southwick O Meader

7 mo 1852 company has been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes made in their respective cases.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met according to adjournment.

Edith Griffiths
Martha Meader

Our beloved friends Edith Griffiths of Westland Monthly Meeting Penn. and Martha Meader of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, New Hampshire attended this and the previous sitting of this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from their friends expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. — Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Lydia Stanley

Our beloved friend Lydia Stanley of Redstone Mo. Mg. Penn. companion to Edith Griffiths also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute of concurrence from that meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing ~~the above named~~ these friends with minutes embracing the substance of the above as they relate to each.

Queries

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

The following paragraph in the account from Nantucket Mo. Mg. being read it was concluded that our Treasurer be authorized to receive the sum named and give such obligation on the part of this meeting as may secure Abrm R. Wing from any expense or loss that may arise in consequence of this proceeding.

Quotation from Accounts of Nant. Mo. Mg.

"The subject of a note, a part of this meetings funds in the hands of Abrm R Wing) coming before us at this time it is concluded for him to pay over to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting in part payment for our Meeting house, nine hundred dollars, that being the amount justly due this meeting [from him]. The Quarterly Meeting indemnifying him against any loss or damage

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arising therefrom. The note being in the hands of those who have seperated from us."

Extract from Minutes of Y Mg

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee - a minute on the subject of the deficiency in recording Births Deaths & Burials - also an alteration in the discipline relative to marrying in the kindred by affinity and another concerning burials, were read in this meeting to our acceptance and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Alteration in Discipline

Copies of the alteration in our Discipline in regard to burials being received at this time from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting it was directed that they be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings in the usual proportions and the Clerk was also directed to cause the alteration to be inserted in the books of discipline belonging to this meeting.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given to that meeting.

Auditors report

The Auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting our late friend George Howland and find them correct and that there is a balance in the Treasury of one hundred five 90/100 dolls.

M Howland Treasr.

The representatives presented the following communication which having been read and considered, was accepted and in conformity therewith Matthew Howland is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

"To the Quarterly Meeting

The representatives having met and conferred together on the subject of the Quarterly Mtgs. Stock and being informed that Nantucket Mo. Mtg. has authorized and directed the payment of nine hundred dollars to the Treasurer of this meeting and apprehending that this sum will shortly be paid into the Treasury, have therefore concluded it will not be necessary to make any collection for the service of the

Quarterly

7mo 1852 Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year; and they would propose that the subject of a new apportionment be deferred until another collection is made.

They would also propose Matthew Howland for Treasr of the Quarterly Meeting in place of our late friend George Howland deceased.

On behalf and by direction of the representatives
Falmouth 6mo 30, 1852 Isaac R Gifford"

Yr Mg Stock $480.- By a copy of a minute received from our last Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum raised for the service of that meeting is four hundred eighty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasr of the Yearly Meetg when the state of the Treasury will admit.

Com. from N B Mo Mg. The following communication being received from a committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting on the subject of Elders we appoint our friends Moses H. Rogers, David Kelley, Wm Tucker, Matthew Barney, Rufus Shearman, Chas R Tucker, Isaac R Gifford and Sewell Hoxie in connection with a committee of the womens Meetg. to unite with said committee in consideration of the subject and to render such advice as way may open for and circumstances may require:- to report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

"To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

A committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting to consider of a Friend or Friends qualified for the Station of Elders requests the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to join with them in considering the subject

On behalf of the Committee
Philip Anthony
New Bedford 6mo 26, 1852 Susan Howland"

Com. to advise &c N. Mo Mg. The Committee appointed to advise with the Treasurer of Nantucket Mo. Mg. presented the following report which was accepted and the committee were released

"To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to advise with the

Treasurer

Treasurer of Nantucket Mo Mg report that they have attended to their appointment and have given such advice as the circumstances of the case seemed to require and they believe that further care from them will not be needed. On behalf of the Committee 7mo 1852

New Bedford 6mo 28. 1852 John Howland

The clerk informs that information has been forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting of the approval of the public ministry of Presbury Wing.

The London general Epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our comfort & edification. London Epistle

400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 550 copies of the London general Epistle of the past year have been received and are directed to be distributed as usual. Printed Minutes

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if permitted in the ordering of Divine Providence

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 10mo 7, 1852 10mo 1852

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz. from
Sandwich, Saml B. Dottridge, Silas Baker Prince G. Moore
Pembroke – ~~Wm Mitchell~~ Edwd P. Little, Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket – Wm Mitchell Seth Mitchell
Dartmouth John Wing, Prince Allen Geo. Almy
Westport, – Gideon Gifford, Anthony Gifford, Jno W Gifford
N. Bedford – Danl Davis, Joseph Taber Abm Wilbur
Wm C Taber

who are present except one whose absence we are informed is in consequence of sickness in his family.

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Thos Jones visit

10th mo 1852 Durham Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us as has also been the company of our friend Joshua Douglas of the same Monthly Meeting companion to the above named friend. — The clerk is directed to furnish our friends with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

& Joshua Douglas

This was 82 in the 3rd [illegible]

Queries — The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Com. to advise N B Mo Mo — The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise with a committee of New Bedford Monthly Meeting report that they have attended to their appointment and rendered such advice as circumstances appeared to require — which is acceptable to this meeting.

Wm P. Howland Wm C Taber app.d Elders — This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wm P. Howland and Wm C. Taber to the station of Elders, the womens meeting concurring herein — The assistant clerk is directed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

H. Tripp an Elder — We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Tripp to the station of an Elder

Comm from N B Mo Mo — The following communication being received from a committee of New Bedford Monthly Meeting we appoint our friends Lemuel Gifford Wm Mitchell, Benjn Potter, Matthew Gifford, Moses Swift & Calvin Shepherd in connection with a committee of the womens meeting to unite with said committee in the consideration of the case referred to and to render such advice as way may open for — to report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

A committee appointed by New-Bedford Monthly Meeting to consider of suitable friends rightly qualified to serve in the Station of Elders, having had a case under consideration in which they are united in judgment, request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to advise with them in the case 10mo 1852

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford 10mo 4 1852.

Joseph Davis

Susan Howland

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12mo next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber, clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 2, 1852 12mo 1852

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetgs the representatives named to this meeting are as follows
from Sandwich, Stephen Dillingham, Henry Russell, David K. Akin.
" Pembroke Calvin Shepherd, Saml Brown.
" Nantucket Abm R. Wing, Matthew Barney
" Dartmouth Benj. Potter, Otis Slocum, Joshua W. Gifford
" Westport Abm Macomber John Potter John Macomber
" New Bedford Rufus Sherman, Henry T. Wood Thomas Wood
Elnathan E Delano.
who are all present.

Our beloved friend Timothy C Collins attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us; as has also been the company of our beloved friend Edward C Collins who attended this meeting as companion to the above named friend with a minute from the same Monthly Meeting. T. C Collins visit

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

Several members of the Yearly Meetings Committee were present at this time and they presented a copy Yr. Mg Committee

12mo 1852 of the minute of their appointment. Their company and services have been acceptable to us.

Com. report. The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise with a committee of New Bedford Monthly Meeting presented the following report which was accepted with the concurrence of the womens meeting and the committee are discharged.

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to render such advice as the case seemed to require to a committee of New-Bedford Monthly Meeting upon the subject of Elders, report that we have attended to the service and were united with that Committee in the propositions laid before us for our consideration

On behalf of the Committee
Calvin Shepherd
New Bedford 12mo 2. 1852 Ruth H Baker

D Wing an Elder. We unite with the womens Meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah Wing to the station of an Elder.

Queries. The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly meetings to the first, second and tenth.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again in the fourth month next at this place if permitted in the ordering of divine providence.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4mo 1853 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 7th 1853

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meetg are as follows
from Sandwich, Silas Baker, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Hoxie.
Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Moses H. Rogers
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard William Mitchell
Dartmouth William Tucker Geo. Smith Wm Potter
Westport Leonard Macomber Gideon Gifford Lowell Gifford
New Bedford Thomas Wood, Geo Howland Jr Joseph Taber
Marlboro Bradford, Wm R Taber
who are all present

4 mo 1853 Clerks app.d The time for which the clerk and assistant were appointed having expired the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Wm C Taber for Clerk and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk of this meeting, which propositions were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until anothers appointment.

Queries The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings;— A summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint Edmund Gardner, Wm C Taber, Benjamin Potter Thomas Wood, Calvin Shepherd. Newell Hoxie David K Akin, Geo. Easton & John Macomber. Rep. to Y. M.

Com.t from Darth.o M. M. The following communication being received from a committee of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting we appoint David Kelley, Cromwell Barnard. Wm P. Howland Mattiah Gifford, Saml Brown, John Macomber & Thos wood in connection with a committee of the womens meeting to unite with said committee in the consideration of the subject referred to and to render such advice as way may open for — to report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

Testimony A. Macomber A testimony of Westport Monthly Meeting on behalf of our late dear friend Anna Macomber was read and united with by this and the womens meeting and the clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute thereon and forward the testimony to the Meeting for Sufferings.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Dear friends

A committee of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting are united in requesting the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join them in considering the subject of appointing Elders in said Monthly Meeting

On behalf of the Committee
Isaac R Gifford
Phebe R Gifford

Dartmouth 3 mo 23, 1853

4th mo 1853. We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Betsey P Wood and Sarah H. Anthony to the station of Elders.

B. P. Wood & S. H. Anthony Elders

We are informed that our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The clerk informs that he has inserted the alterations in our discipline sent down from the last Yearly Meeting in all the books belonging to this Quarterly Meeting that have come to his hands.

Memorials &c. Copies of the Memorials printed by direction of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and forwarded to our monthly meetings in the usual proportions.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Acct. to Yy. Meetg. Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, a minute on the subject of the deficiency in recording births and deaths, also an alteration in the discipline relative to marrying in the kindred by affinity and another concerning burials have been read in this meeting to our acceptance. The London general epistle of 1851 has also been received and read and copies of the same together with copies of the above named papers and of the printed minutes of the last Yearly Meeting also of the Memorials printed by its direction have been received and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wm. P. Howland Wm. C. Taber, Hannah Tripp, Deborah Wing Betsey P. Wood and Sarah H. Anthony to the station of Elders.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers

from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our Representatives who are Edmund Gardner Wm C Taber Benjn Potter Thomas Wood Calvin Shepherd, Newell Hoxie David K Akin Geo. Easton and John Macomber. 4th mo 1853

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 7 1853

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Summary of answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held and generally attended by the greater part of our members while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. Two instances of entirely absenting themselves from meeting are reported in one of the answers in which care has been taken. The hour is nearly observed. Preserved from sleeping except a few instances and nearly clear of other unbecoming behavior.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends yet we fear not so fully by some as would be best. Detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

3d Most friends appear to be concerned to bring up those under their direction as queried and they are exemplary themselves while some are not so careful as would be best. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in friends families.

4th We think friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

5th Clear as far as appears except one case of placing out which is under notice.

4 mo 1853 6th. We believe mostly clear in respect to this query, but not without some exceptions. Some care taken.

7th. Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears.

8th. Friends are careful in the several parts of this query with a few exceptions. Some care taken.

9th. Our records are attended to. Some removals without certificate are reported most of which are under notice.

10th. We endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

Memorial of Anna Macomber

A testimony of Westport Monthly Meeting concerning Anna Macomber deceased

In preparing the following brief account of the dedication and circumspect life of our late beloved friend Anna Macomber, we have no desire to eulogize the dead, but to illustrate the immediate operations of divine grace in its sufficiency as a leader and a guide in the pathways of holiness. The meek and quiet spirit of this devoted friend was strikingly manifested in her daily walk, and her deep and abiding sense of entire dependence on God in all the vicissitudes of life is calculated to encourage the humble christian concerned to be found in the ways of life and salvation.

The subject of this memoir was born on Rhode Island the 24th of 4th month 1776, of parents not in membership in our Society. At the early age of seven years she was deprived of maternal care and influence by death, when she went to reside in Newport and during her residence there she was attracted to attend one of our religious meetings from having heard of some of the peculiarities of Friends and soon after became convinced of our principles and was received into membership in the 12th mo 1798.

In 1802 she was united in marriage to Isaac Macomber of Westport in whom she had a kind husband and an attentive helper in the various trials and exercises

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Memorial of Anna Macombe

she had to pass through and became a member of this Monthly Meeting, where they resided the remainder of their days, her husband surviving her but a few months. After much mental conflict and a protracted illness of several years, she was made willing to bow in humble submission to the divine will and on being partially restored to health she came forth acceptably in the ministry and was approved by her friends in this important station in the 8th month 1824.

Her religious engagements were confined within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting in visiting meetings and families as she apprehended it required of her in the love of the gospel, being clothed with that humility and simplicity which characterize the disciples of our blessed Lord and Master. Her example in her family and neighborhood with her labors of love will long be remembered and cherished by those who were priviledged with her companys, and who felt the savor of her spirit sanctified by grace, witnissing the her humble confedence in God through his dear Son whom she loved and desired to serve in the integrety of her heart, — bearing the cross in the denial of self and following her divine Master in the way of his leadings. She was often concerned in the reading of the Holy Scriptures and in silent waiting upon God, having her family collected every evening for the performance of this religious duty; and not unfrequently at other seasons was she observed to be solemnly retired before the Lord.

In her family and in the social circle she was beloved. — A kind and affectionate wife and mother, desiring their everlasting welfare above every consideration. Her beliefs in and her attachment to the doctrines and principles of Friends was strong and unabated during a long life of many trials and changes in our religious societys and she was a firm supporter of our christian discipline and testimonies to the close of life. Her concern in the attendance of religious meetings was strikingly apparent evincing that the love of her Redeemer was the predominating principle of her heart, often attending them when in very feeble health and engaged in other religious services

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of
Anna Macomber

which she believed her divine Master required at her hands. Altho in limited circumstances and in somewhat of an obscure situation she was often engaged in visiting the sick and afflicted, extending her sympathy and kind attentions, ministering the word of consolation and encouragement when all human help seemed unavailing.

Under great bodily infirmity she was enabled to attend the Yearly Meeting previous to her decease and acknowledged it to have been a great privilege "to mingle once more with her friends and partake of the blessings bestowed, though, as to herself, mostly in silence. She was soon after engaged in religious service in Falmo. Mass. visiting that meeting and nearly all the families of Friends belonging thereto. She also visited most of the families in her own meeting, encouraging friends in the attendance of our religious meetings and to an increased concern to prepare for the solemn change that awaits all.

She had the liberty of her friends to make a religious visit in a neighboring Quarterly Meeting with their unity and sympathy altho in feeble health, one dear friend remarking that she believed it right for her to have the encouragement of her friends if it was never accomplished.

In an allusion to it in her last illness she remarked to a friend, "it is a great deal to say I am resigned in all things but with regard to that visit I may say I feel perfect resignation. Thou knowest how hard it was for me to give up but I was favored to submit, — my will was surrendered and I think I have since seen, — yes clearly seen, that the will was accepted instead of the deed, and I have nothing more to do with it."

Her illness was an attack of a prevailing epidemic, and altho aware that the character of it was very alarming she was preserved in great quiet. On Second Day the 29th of Ninth Month two dear friends calling to see her, she expressed great satisfaction in seeing them and remarked, "She had not seen how her illness would terminate, whether in life or in death:" and added "I never was so ill in my life

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and especially with a disease so alarming when I felt so calm. When I was first taken a solemn quiet covered my mind, and it remains unbroken. O it is a great favor." She did not seem much disposed to converse but manifested a christian resignation in patiently enduring her sufferings, greatly desiring the solemn quiet with which she had been favored might remain unbroken to the end, which was mercifully granted her, she hardly seeming conscious of her extreme sufferings, her mind being evidently detached from every thing of an earthly nature and centered in her God & Saviour. She continued to grow weaker and weaker until the 8th of 10th Mo. 1851 when she peacefully and quietly breathed her last aged seventy five years, and we reverently trust and believe her purified spirit was permitted to enter the mansions of everlasting rest and peace, and to unite in the song of the redeemed:- "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." "Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Signed in and by direction of Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Westport Mass. the 17th of 2nd month 1853

John Macomber }
Lydia C Earl } Clerks.

7mo 1853 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 7. 1853

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetgs the representatives named to this meeting are as follows

from Sandwich Stephen Dillingham Newell Hoxie David Kelley
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Moses F. Rogers
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard Abm R Wing
Dartmouth Wm Tucker Timothy Akin Moses Smith
George Almy
Westport John W Gifford Gideon Gifford
Abm Macomber
New Bedford, Benj Swift Jos Davis Edmund Gardner
Elnathan E Delano

who are all present but one

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Y. Mg Stock $480.— By a communication received from our last Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the Stock required for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars which our treasurer is requested to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of that meeting.

Auditors report The auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of four hundred sixty nine 13/100 doll.

M Howland Treasr The representatives inform that they do not think it advisable to make a collection for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and they propose the reappointment of Matthew Howland as Treasurer which proposition is united with and he is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met according to adjournment

A Thornburg & M S Watkins visit Our beloved friends Anna Thornburg of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana and Mary S Watkins of Goshen Monthly Meeting State of Ohio attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk was directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

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Joel Gilbert
Lydia Bell
Ruth Devol

Our beloved friends Joel Gilbert and Lydia Bell of Hopewell Mo. Meeting companions to Anna Thornburg and John P. Wood of Allum Creek Monthly Meeting and Ruth Devol of Saratoga Monthly Meeting companions to Amy [illegible] also attended this meeting in which their company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

Queries

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Geo Almy
an Elder

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Almy, to the station of an Elder; the Women's meeting concurring herein and the clerk is directed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

Extracts
Y. Mo.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, with a minute of the same meeting on the subject of Slavery were read at this time to our satisfaction and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Com.
report

The committee appointed at our last meeting to advise with a committee of Dartmouth Monthly Meetg. report that they have attended to their appointment and rendered such advice as the case appeared to require. Which is accepted and they are discharged.

E Slade
&
Anna E Almy
Elders

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with Dartmouth Mo. Meetg. in the appointment of Elizabeth Slade and Anna E. Almy to the station of

7mo 1853 Elders. The clerk is directed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

S. Howland to visit YY Mgs of Indiana Balt. and N. Carolina

Our beloved friend Susan Howland spread before this meeting a concern that had for some years rested on her mind to attend the ~~[illegible]~~ Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Baltimore and North-Carolina and such meetings belonging thereto as way may open for in the Truth as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting: which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting much unity and sympathy were felt and expressed with her therein and she set at liberty to proceed as best wisdom may direct she being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the minute furnished her by New Bedford Mo. Meetg and sign it on our behalf.

London Epistle &c

The London General Epistle of the past year was read at this time to our satisfaction and edification. 550 copies of the same together with 350 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting now received are directed to be distributed among our Monthly Meetgs in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished and having at this time been favored to feel a measure of the Lords blessed presence among us to the tendering of many hearts we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit. Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1853 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 6 1853.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows: from

Sandwich – Arnold Gifford David K Akin Ebenr Wing
Pembroke – Calvin Shepherd Moses F. Rogers

Nantucket — Seth Mitchell, Abm Killing
Dartmouth — Wm Tucker Abner Potter Otis Slocum.
Westport — Nathl Gifford John Macomber Adrian Davis
New Bedford — Wm P. Howland, Gideon Wood.
John Wood Wm Gifford

who are all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We are informed that the absence of one of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting was occasioned by sickness. —

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth. Queries

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove of Seabrook Mo. Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from her friends expressive of their unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us and the Clerk was directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this. E. Gove visit

The clerk informs that he has forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting information of the appointments to the meeting of Ministers and Elders concurred in at our last Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford spread before this meeting a concern that had for some time rested on his mind to attend in gospel love the Quarterly Meetings of Cornwall, Westbury, Purchase, Nine Partners and Stamford, belonging to New York Yearly Meeting, as way may open for it and also to visit and appoint some meetings and to visit some families of friends within their limits as expressed in a minute of concurrence furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting — Which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was fully united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, he being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk is directed to Leml Gifford concern to visit N.Y. Yr Mg

10mo 1853 endorse this minute on the minute furnished by Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the twelfth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

12mo 1853 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 1. 1853

The accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows, viz from

Sandwich David Kelley, Newell Hoxie, Azariah S Gifford
Pembroke Mos. Hoag, ~~Geo Easton~~ Calvin Shepherd
~~Dartmouth~~ Nantucket Wm Mitchell Geo Easton
Dartmouth Humphry Anthony, Geo. Almy, Moses Smith
Westport Dan'l Macomber, Gideon Gifford, Stephen Allen
New Bedford Francis Bowman Wm R Taber, Jos. Taber,
Elnathan E Delano.

were all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

Yy Meetings Comm. The company and services of several members of the Yy Meetings Committee who have been with us at this time have been very acceptable to us.

Caleb Jones visit Our beloved friend Caleb Jones attended this meeting and presented a minute from Falmouth Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with him as a minister and with his concern to visit some meetings within our limits. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Queries The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second & fourth.

Lem. Gifford returns minute Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford presented to this meeting a minute furnished him by Sandwich Mo. Meeting and endorsed by this to visit some of the meetings of Friends within the limits of N. York Yearly Meeting;—

he also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the 12mo 1853
Quarterly Meetings of Purchase Cornwall & Nine Partners and informed us that he had been favored to perform the required service to the peace of his own mind — which is acceptable to this meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the Fourth month next, if in the ordering of Divine Providence.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at 4mo 1854
New Bedford 4mo 6th 1854

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from:

Sandwich, Silas Baker, Stephen Dillingham, Nathan Wing
Pembroke Edward P Little Saml Brown
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard Geo Easton
Dartmouth Benj Potter [illegible] Smith Prince Allen
Westport Gideon Gifford John W Gifford Adrian Davis
New Bedford Thomas Wood Edmund Gardner Daniel Davis Charles R. Tucker.

who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for Clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant which propositions were united with and they accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings — A summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives — to which service we have appointed our friends Edmund Gardner, Saml Gifford, Isaac R Gifford Moses [illegible] Rogers, Geo Howland Jr, Chs Slocum Geo Easton, David Kelley, John W Gifford & Edward B. Dillingham.

14th 1854 We are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland spread before this meeting a concern that had for a considerable length of time impressed her mind that it would be in the line of her religious duty to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York and to visit such meetings and families of friends within its limits as way may open for in the truth, as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by New Bedford Monthly Meetg — Which concern after solid consideration was united with and she set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct — she being a minister with whom we have unity. The Clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and a minute on the subject of Slavery have been received and read ~~and read~~ in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies of the same have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. Copies of the London General Epistle for 1852 together with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting have also been received and distributed.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Almy Elizabeth Slade and Anna E Almy to the station of Elders.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers

from all our Monthly Meetings – a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives who are Edmund Gardner Samuel Gifford Isaac K Gifford Moses H Rogers Geo Howland Jr. Otis Slocum Geo. Easton David Kelley, John W Gifford and Edward L. Dillingham.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4mo 6th 1854.

Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of the Answers forward to the Y. Mg.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held except two which omissions were caused by the inclemency of the weather. Those on First days are attended by nearly all our members while mid-week meetings and meetings for discipline are neglected by a few. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are generally preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior. Some care appears to be taken.

2d Love and unity appear to be generally maintained and detraction guarded against yet exceptions are reported in the answers from two of our Monthly Mtgs. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3d We believe friends are in a good degree careful to bring up those under their care as queried and they endeavor to example well themselves yet there appears to be some deficiences in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes. We know not but clear in the other parts of this query.

5th Care appears to be taken in the several parts of this query.

4mo 1854 6th We believe that parents and heads of families with most of the young and unmarried are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Where ~~differences~~ deficiences have occurred care is reported to have been taken.

7th. We know not but clear.

8th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificate are reported. Some care taken.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried and endeavors are used to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

4mo 1854 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 4mo 6, 1854

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz.

from Sandwich Nivel Hoxie, David K Akin, Edward L. Dillingham.
Pembroke Samuel Brown Otis Ellis
Nantucket Cromwell Barnard, Abrm R Wing, Matthew Barney.
Dartmouth Geo. Almy Abrm Russell Isaac R Gifford
Westport John Macomber Gideon Gifford
New Bedford Geo. Howland Jr Elnathan E Delano Henry T Wood Daniel Davis

who are present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friend John L Eddy attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from Greenwich Monthly Meeting and Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting in the State of Ohio expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present

religious engagements. His company and gospel labors 7mo 1854
have been very acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Reuben L Roberts also attended this meeting as companion to our friend John C Eddy and produced a certificate of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the Same State. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk was directed to furnish our friends with copies of these minutes as they relate to each.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

By a communication received from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of Stock required for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is four hundred eighty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct and that there is a balance due him of seventy one 49/100 dolls.

The representatives report that they have conferred together and were united in proposing that the sum of six hundred fifty dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and that they were also united in proposing the name of Matthew Howland for Treasurer — which propositions were united with and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer and Matthew Howland is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment. (See next page for a minute omitted in course)

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — About the time adjourned to friends again met:

Representatives all present except three.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

7mo 1854 (The following minute was made in the forenoon sitting but was omitted in copying)

The representatives are directed to meet at the close of this sitting to consider of a new apportionment of the stock to be raised for the service of the Quarterly Meeting and report at the adjournment.

The representatives proposed the following apportionment of the Stock to be raised for the service of this meeting viz.

Sandwich Monthly Mee^g to pay	20	per cent
Pembroke	4	"
[illegible]	2	"
Dartmouth	19	"
Westport	5	"
New Bedford	50	"

which was satisfactory to friends and the clerk was directed to inform our respective Monthly Meetings of this conclusion.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with the report of the Boarding School Committee and some advice from that meeting recommending that the answers to the queries particularly to the fourth should be as definite and explicit as circumstances will admit were read at this time to our satisfaction, and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The London general Epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies of the same together with copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting also received at this time were directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

[illegible] clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 5 1854 10th mo 1854

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz from
Sandwich Silas Baker, Ebenezer Wing, Jon^a Boyce
Pembroke Sam^l Brown Nathan [illegible]
Nantucket William Mitchell Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Tim^o Akin Humphrey Anthony W^m Potter
Westport Daniel Macomber John Macomber
New Bedford Daniel Davis Thos Wood Geo Howland Jr
who are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The following communication contained in the account from Nantucket Monthly Meeting claiming our attention we appoint W^m Gifford [illegible] Gifford W^m C. Taber Edmund Gardner Stephen Gillingham David Kelley & Moses [illegible] Rogers to consult with friends of that Monthly Meeting in regard to their situation and report their judgment in the case to our next Quarterly Meeting

To the Quarterly Meeting

×××××× The pecuniary circumstances of this meeting in its reduced condition and the present embarassed situation of its property claiming our attention, friends are united in judgment that the time has fully come to call the attention of the Quarterly Meeting to the subject for its counsel and aid either by a committee of that body or otherwise as way may open.

Signed on behalf of Nantucket Monthly Meeting held 9th mo 28 1854 Matthew Barney Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest W^m C Taber Clerk

12mo 1854 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 7. 1854.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz. from
Sandwich, Jona Boyce David K. Akin Ebenezer Wing
Pembroke Warren Shepherd Moses F. Rogers
Nantucket Wm Mitchell Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Benj. Potter Joshua W. Gifford Ezra Wing
Westport Gideon Gifford [illegible] W. Gifford Stephen Allen
New Bedford Wm R. [illegible] Carl Davis [illegible] Parker
Joseph Taber.
who are all present.

Our beloved friend John Page attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Weare Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements.— His company and services have been satisfactory to us.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second & tenth.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Page attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Weare Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company has been very acceptable to us.

It appearing that our friends John Page and Elizabeth Page have further service in prospect within our limits the furnishing them with returning minutes is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to consult with friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting presented the following report which was accepted and our Treasurer is accordingly directed to pay the sum of four hundred dollars to the Treasurer of Nantucket Monthly Meeting and the clerk is directed to transmit to that meeting a copy of this minute

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to consult with friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting report that they have given attention to their appointment and on enquiry into the circumstances of their situation they find that friends of that meeting stand in need of pecuniary assistance from the Quarterly Meeting for the support of their poor and the committee therefore we recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars be paid for that purpose by our Treasurer to the Treasurer of that Monthly Meeting.

Signed Stephen Dillingham
New Bedford 12mo 1854
David Kelley
Moses H Rogers
Wm C Taber
Wm Gifford
Edmund Gardner

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned ~~to this meeting~~ a certificate endorsed by this meeting in the 4th month last, to attend the Yearly Meeting of New York and to visit such of the meetings and families of friends within its limits as way might open for. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the select Yearly Meeting of New York and from the Monthly Meetings of Purchase, Chappaqua, Amawalk, Scipio Pelham Norwich and Yonge Street and she also informed the meeting that she had been favored to feel during the performance of her visit that the Divine Arm was near and that on the receipt of the intelligence of an afflictive dispensation of Divine providence in her family she had felt herself relieved from the further prosecution of her journey in which she had the concurrence of friends. Which is acceptable to this meeting.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the Fourth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4mo 1855 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 5 1855

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from
Sandwich Silas Baker Edwd G Dillingham Newell Hoxie
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Moses T. Rogers
Nantucket Geo Easton Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Geo Almy Geo. Smith Paul Fisher
Westport John W Gifford John Macomber
New Bedford Joseph Taber Henry T. Wood Joseph R Wing
Josiah Holmes Jr

who are all present except one whose absence we are informed is occasioned by sickness.

The time for which the clerk and assistant were appointed having expired, the representatives proposed William C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant clerk — which propositions were united with and they accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings and a summary of the answers was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing ~~Quarterly~~ Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Edmund Gardner Newell Hoxie Calvin Shepherd Daniel Davis, Isaac R. Gifford, William C Taber Stephen Dillingham John Macomber, Joseph Wing & Geo. Easton are appointed representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

We are informed that our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

We are also informed that all our Monthly Meetgs have paid or directed their proportion of Stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

Our beloved friends John Page and Elizabeth Page attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 12th mo. last and presented satisfactory minutes from their Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of their friends with their ministry and religious engagements. Their company and

religious services were satisfactory to us as has also been 4 mo 1855
their work in the ministry within the limits of our subordinate meetings since the adjournment of our Quarterly Meeting. The clerk was directed to forward a copy of this minute to Weare Monthly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee and advices in regard to the answers to the Queries were received and read to our satisfaction and copies of the same were forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The London Epistle issued in 1853 was also received and read and copies of the same together with copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings — a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives who are Edmund Gardner, Newell Hoxie, Lauren Shepherd, Daniel Davis, Isaac R. Gifford Wm C Taber, Stephen Dillingham, John Macomber Joseph Wing and George Easton.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 5 1855

By Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before us at this time being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the seventh month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4mo 1855 Summary of the answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held and those on first-days attended by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are not so fully attended. The hour is nearly observed. A few not wholly preserved from sleep. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care is reported to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us and detraction is generally guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3d Most friends are concerned to bring up those under their care as queried and to be exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th Spirituous liquors with one exception appear to be confined to medicinal purposes. Careful in the other parts of this query with the exception reported by one Monthly Meeting of the attendance of the attendance by some of the young of places of public resort. Some care extended.

5th. Care is taken in the several parts of this query

6th Friends are generally careful that proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Six cases of marrying out of the order of Society are reported in the answers from three monthly Meetings which are under notice.

7th. Clear as far as appears.

8th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. Several cases of removal without certificate are reported most of which are under notice.

10th Endeavors are used to deal with offendeal in the manner queried after and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 5, 1855 7mo 1855

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from
Sandwich Ebenezer Wing, Jona Boyce David Kelley
Pembroke Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket Seth T Swift Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Benj Potter, Joshua W Gifford Moses Smith
Westport Adrian Davis Daniel Macomber
New Bedford Rufus Sherman Joseph Ricketson Chas R Tucker
Richard Davis John Wood & Ed. W Howland
who are presents.

Our beloved friend Isaac Kay attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting and Northern Quarterly Mtg Indiana expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglas of Durham Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Luke Thomas of New Garden Monthly Meeting Indiana attended this meeting as companion to Isaac Hay and Wm P Barker of Norwich Monthly Meeting Canada West as companion to Phebe Bishop and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings Their company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends with copies of the above minutes as they relate to each.

7mo 1855 The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Our beloved friend Phebe Bishop attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from Norwich Monthly Meeting and Pelham Quarterly Meetg Canada West expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

Our beloved friend Sarah T Parker also attended this meeting as companion to Phebe Bishop and presented a satisfactory minute from Norwich Monthly Meetg Her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meetg in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

By a communication received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is three hundred sixty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The Auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find a balance due him of three hundred forty three 04/100 dollars.

Calvin Shepherd on behalf of the representatives reported that they had conferred together and had united in proposing that seven hundred sixty dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and also the name of Matthews Howland for Treasurer:— which propositions were united with and Matthews Howland is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum.

Adjourned to four Oclock this afternoon.

Afternoon — About the time adjourned to friends 7mo 1855
again met.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The report of the Boarding School Committee together with a report from a committee of our last Yearly Meeting to which the subjects contained therein and the interests of the School generally were referred was read in this meeting and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings.

The London general epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our satisfaction and copies of the same as well as copies of the printed extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings in the usual proportions.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner laid before this meeting a concern that had for several years impressed her mind to attend in gospel love the Yearly Meeting of Ohio and also to visit some meetings and families of friends within its limits if way should open for it in the truth, as expressed in a minute of concurrence furnished her by New Bedford Monthly Meeting:— which concern claiming the solid consideration of friends was fully and feelingly united with and she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct she being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1855 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 4 1855

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from

Sandwich Silas Swift Ebenezer Wing David K. Akin
Pembroke Saml Brown Otis Ellis
Nantucket Wm Mitchell Peter Paddack
Dartmouth George Almy William Tucker Geo. Allen
Westport John Macomber Gideon Gifford
New Bedford Wm P. Howland Wm Gifford Richard
Davis & Marlboro Bradford

who are all present.

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Durham Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us as has also been the company of our beloved friend Levi Meader companion to the above named friend who also attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from the same Monthly Meeting. The clerk was directed to furnish our friends with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

In the account from Pembroke Monthly Meeting we are informed that friends of that Monthly Meeting were united in proposing that their week day meeting which is now held on the days in which the Quarterly Meeting is held be discontinued — which proposition being considered and it having the concurrence of the womens meeting is united with. The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Pembroke Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford spread before this meeting a prospect that had for some time

expressed her mind to attend in gospel love the ensuing 10mo 1855
Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and South Carolina also to visit some of the meetings belonging thereto and to appoint some meetings within their limits should way open for it, as set forth in a certificate furnished her by Sandwich Monthly Meeting :— which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was fully united with and she set at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, she being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate furnished her by Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

Newell Hoxie Stephen Dillingham David Kelly, Saml Brown, Calvin Shepherd, Peter Paddack, Wm Mitchell Isaac R Gifford, Geo. Almy, Howard Potter, Gideon Gifford John Macomber H. T. Wood, Josiah Holmes 2, Wm P Howland & William C Taber are appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the seventh month and if necessary the times of holding our Monthly Meetings where they may interfere and they are requested to report their judgment to our next Quarterly Meetg.

Stephen Dillingham Wm P Howland & Wm C Taber are appointed on the part of this meeting to render any assistance that may be found necessary to our dear friend Elizabeth Gifford to enable her to prosecute her intended religious visit.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12mo next if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

12mo 1855 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 6 1855

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz from

Sandwich	David Kelley, Jonª Boyce Lemd Gifford
Pembroke	Calvin Shepherd Nathan T Shepherd
Nantucket-	William Mitchell Cromwell Barnard
Dartmouth	Wm Potter Prince Allen Geo W Francis
Westport	Abr Macomber Nathaniel Gifford
New Bedford	Abm Barker Gideon Wood Elnathan E Delano Richard Davis

who are all present except two, for whose absense sufficient reasons were assigned

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been satisfactory and acceptable to us, as has also been the company of our beloved friend Joseph Taylor companion to the afore named friend, who has also attended this meeting with a minute from Sidney Monthly Meetg. The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Providence Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements: Her company and religious services have been satisfactory and acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, Second and tenth.

12mo 1855

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to take into consideration the subject of a change in the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the Seventh Month report that they have had the subject under consideration and were united in the views that way does not open for a change at the present time:— which report is acceptable to this meeting.

The committee appointed to render such assistance as might be necessary to our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford report that they have attended to their appointment.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned a minute endorsed by this meeting in the 7th month last to perform a religious visit to Ohio Yearly meeting and for some other service within its limits and informed friends that thro divine favor way had been made for her where there appeared to be no way and that she had accomplished the visit to her own peace and satisfaction. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of Ohio and from the Monthly Meetings of Salem and New Garden:— which is acceptable and satisfactory to friends.

The business brought before us being accomplished, under a comforting sense that a measure of divine favor has been extended to us at the present time, we conclude; proposing to meet again in the 4th month next at this place, if in the ordering of Divine providence.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 3 1856

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meetg are as follows viz from

Sandwich	Silas Baker Stephen Dillingham Nathan Wing
Pembroke	Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket	George Easton Peter Paddack
Dartmouth	Wm Tucker Ezra Wing Prince Allen
Westport	Daniel Macomber Gideon Gifford

4 mo 1856 New Bedford: Geo. Howland Jr Joseph Taber
Joseph Kempton Wm C Taber

who are all present except one.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired the representatives proposed Wm C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant clerk - which propositions were united with and they accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings - A summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives, to which service we appoint our friends Wm P Howland Isaac R Gifford Curwen Shepherd David Kelley Stephen Dillingham Geo. Eaton Geo Almy, Newell Hoxie Chas R Tucker and Daniel Maccomber.

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

The Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford returned to this meeting our endorsement of a certificate furnished her by Sandwich Monthly Meeting to attend the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina and for other service within their limits. She informed friends that she had been enabled to accomplish the visit to the peace of her own mind and also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North Carolina and from the Monthly Meetings of New Garden & Deep River - which is satisfactory to this meeting.

In the account from Sandwich Monthly Meeting it is proposed that their Monthly Meetings which are now held at eleven Oclock in the forenoon in the Seventh and tenth months be hereafter held at the tenth hour of the same days. - which proposition was considered and having the concurrence of the womens Meeting was united with. The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland a minister in unity and good esteem with us weightily informed this meeting that she had for a length of time felt a burthen of religious exercise resting upon her spirit to perform in gospel love further religious service among friends in Great Britain and Ireland and also if way should open for it to visit those professing with friends in some places on the continent of Europe — as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by New Bedford Monthly Meeting. The concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was fully and feelingly united with and she set at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct. The Clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk. viz

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

The report of the Boarding School Committee with the accompanying documents was received and read in this meeting and copies of the same were forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings

The London general Epistle for the year 1854 was also received and read to our satisfaction, copies of which and also copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting received at the same time were forwarded to our Mo. Meetgs.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The queries were read at this time with answers from all our Monthly Meetings — a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives who are Wm P Howland Isaac R Gifford Calvin Shepherd, David Kelley Stephen Dillingham

4mo 1856 Geo. Easton, Geo King Newell Hoxie Charles R Tucker and Daniel Macomber.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Qarly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 3 1856
Wm C Taber clerk

David Kelley Newell Hoxie Calvin Shepherd Saml Brown Geo. Easton Isaac R Gifford Wm Tucker John Macomber Adrian Davis Charles R Tucker Wm Gifford and Arnold Gifford are appointed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend our Yearly Meeting in accordance with the advice of that meeting and they are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the Seventh month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of the Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except nine omitted on account of the inclemency of the weather; — those on First days are attended by most of our members: Mid week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. A very few not wholly preserved from sleeping; no other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care extended.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends; detraction nearly guarded against. When differences have come to our knowledge care has been taken to end them.

3d We trust most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care as queried; while others are not so exemplary as would be desirable, either as relates to themselves or to those under their care. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th We know not but clear in the several parts of this query

5th. Clear in the several parts of this query, except one instance of placing out, which is under notice.

6th Clear, with but little exception reported in the answers from three of our Monthly Meetings, some care taken.

7th. We believe clear in the several parts of this query except a few instances noticed in the answers from two of the Monthly Meetings of attending meetings where there is an hireling ministry.

8th Friends are careful in the several parts of this query, with a very few exceptions. Some care taken.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, with regard to which care is taken.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and judgment we trust is placed in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 3d 1856 7mo 1856

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz.

from Sandwich David Kelley, Silas Swift Jos. Hoxie 3d
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Nathan T. Shepherd
Nantucket Peter Paddack Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Geo Smith Isaac R. Gifford Joshua W. Gifford
Westport Geo H Gifford Danl Macomber
New Bedford Edward G. Dillingham Elnathan E Delano
Francis Rowman Wm P Howland.

who are present except two.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

By a communication received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of the sum concluded to be raised for the use of that meeting the ensuing year is two hundred eighty eight dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yr. Meeting when the state of our Treasury will admit

1mo 1856. A report from the Auditors was received stating that the accounts of our Treasurer had been examined and found to be correct and that there was a balance due him of one dollar sixty two cents.

The representatives reported that they had conferred together and had united in proposing that four hundred dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and also the name of Matthew Howland for Treasurer — which propositions were united with and Matthew Howland is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment — and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum.

Our beloved friends Rebecca T Updegraff of Short Creek Monthly & Quarterly Meetings (Ohio) and Ann Kenworthy of White Water Monthly and Quarterly Meetings (Indiana) attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. — Their company and gospel labors have been very acceptable and satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with a copy of this minute as it relates to each.

Our beloved friends David Updegraff who accompanies his wife Rebecca T Updegraff and William Kenworthy husband and companion to Ann Kenworthy attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings — Their company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with copies of this minute.

Adjourned to 4 O clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. At the time adjourned to friends again met.

Representatives present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers 7 Mo 1856
from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second & tenth?

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting received from its clerk containing the report of the Boarding School Committee together with some advices relative to the answers to the queries and a recommendation to Quarterly Meetings to render annually to the Yearly Mtg an account of the decease of all ministers and elders that may occur within their limits, and also a modification of our discipline as to the mode of making additions to the meetings of ministers and elders were received and read at this time to our satisfaction and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Mtgs.

Our beloved friend Lydia Congdon an elder in good esteem with us expressed in this meeting that she had felt a willingness to resign herself to accompany her sister Susan Howland in her proposed visit to a foreign land as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by Newbedford Monthly Mtg. — Which concern claiming our serious consideration was fully united with and she was set at liberty to perform the service as best wisdom may direct. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her certificate from Newbedford Monthly Mtg.

The following paragraph in the account from Sandwich Mo Mtg. being read viz— ——

"This meeting is united in asking the advice of the Quarterly Meeting in a case which has been before it and has appointed Ebenezer Wing, Silas Baker, Joseph Wing, Joseph Hoxie 3d Joseph Ewer and Stephen Wing to represent the case to your meeting."

— We appoint Richd Anthony Henry T. Wood Charles R Tucker Moses Smith and Wm P Howland to hear the committee appointed by that meeting and after carefully considering the subject and endeavoring to obtain the mind of truth therein are to give their advice in writing to that Monthly Meeting — To report to this

7mo 1856 meeting when the service is accomplished.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Sandwich Mo Meeting.

The London general Epistle of the past year was received and read at this time to our edification and acceptance: and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

10mo 1856 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo ? 1856

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows

from Sandwich Mattiah Gifford Ebenezer Wing, David Kelley
Pembroke James West Saml Brown
Nantucket Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Wm Potter Moses Smith Ezra Wing
Westport Nath Gifford Abr Macomber
New Bedford Saml Davis Jos Davis Junr, [illegible] Wm R. Taber

who are present.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had rested some months on his mind to visit in gospel love some of the quarterly meetings in the southern part of New York Yearly Meeting also to appoint meetings for friends or others and to visit some families of friends within their limits; as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished him by Sandwich monthly meeting. — Which concern was fully united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct he being a minister with whom we have unity.

The clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on his certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting.

Nantucket monthly meeting informs that they have united in the appointment of Matthew Barney to the station of an Elder and refer the subject to the consideration of this meeting. Which appointment after being solidly considered was uny united with; the women's meeting concurring herein and the clerk is directed to forward information hereof to the Select Quarterly meeting and also to our next Yearly Meeting.

Matthew Barney appd an Elder

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise Sandwich monthly meeting on a subject referred to us inform that they have given some attention to the case but are not ready to make a full report. They are continued.

We are informed that it having been ascertained previous to the departure of our dear friend Lydia Congdon for Europe that it had not been the practice either of our Society in this country or of our English brethren to furnish the companions of friends travelling in the ministry with endorsements from their Quarterly meetings, she felt most easy to omit taking the one directed to be prepared for her at our last meeting and desired it to be returned with her acknowledgment for the sympathy of her friends.

One hundred thirty copies of the Memorial, printed by direction of our last Yearly meeting were received at this time and directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the twelfth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

attest Wm C Taber Clerk

12mo 1856. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 4 1856

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows viz:-
from Sandwich Azariah S Gifford, Stephen R Wing
David K Akin.
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Saml Brown
Nantucket William Mitchell
Dartmouth Geo. Almy Moses Smith Joshua W. Gifford
Westport John W Gifford Gideon Gifford
New Bedford Nathan Bowman Gideon Wood
John Wood, Edmund Gardner,
who are all present.

Our beloved friends David Dudley of Litchfield monthly meeting, Saml B Tobey of Providence monthly meeting and Joshua Douglas of Durham monthly meetg. attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable and satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to furnish the two first named friends with copies of this minute as it relates to each. Our friend Joshua Douglas having a prospect of further service within our limits the subject of furnishing him with a more extended returning minute is referred to our next Quarterly meeting.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the first, second & tenth.

Nantucket monthly meeting informs that its proportion of Stock has been paid to our Treasurer.-

The committee appointed in the Seventh month last at the request of Sandwich monthly meeting to render advice in a case then before it presented the following report which is accepted and the committee are released.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committee appointed in the 7th month last to give their advice to Sandwich monthly meeting have attended to that service and recommended to that meeting such a course in the case referred to them as in their judgment would best promote the harmony of Society.

On behalf of the Committee
Philip Anthony
Moses Smith

New Bedford 12mo 4 1856

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned to this meeting our endorsement of his certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting to visit some of the quarterly meetings in the southern part of New York Yearly Meeting and other service within their limits. He also informed us that he had been favored to perform the service required of him to the peace of his own mind and presented satisfactory returning minutes from the quarterly meetings of Westbury, Cornwall Purchase and Nine Partners, also from the monthly meetings of Amawalk and Chappaqua; — which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The clerk reports that he has informed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Matthew Barney to the station of Elder.

The business brought before us being accomplished and having been favored as we trust to feel a measure of our Heavenly Fathers love extended to us at this time to our comfort and edification, we conclude proposing to meet again in the fourth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest
Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 2 1857

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows

from Sandwich	Stephen [illegible] Abraham Bursley Wing David K Akin
Pembroke	Martin Shepherd Saml Brown
Nantucket	Matthew Barney
Dartmo	Wm Potter Joshua W Gifford Howard Potter
Westport	Gideon Gifford Lemuel W. Gifford
New Bedford	Saml Davis Jr Luther [illegible] [illegible]

4th mo 1857 who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired the representatives proposed William C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant, which propositions were united with by the meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings, — a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives; to which service we appoint David K. Akin Lawton Tucker Moses Smith Edmund Gardner, Jno W Gifford, Benj Potter & Wm Winter.

It appears that all our monthly meetings have paid their proportions of stock to our Treasurer.

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock had been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Our beloved friend Joshua Douglas of Durham monthly meeting having attended our last Quarterly Mtg in which his company and religious services were satisfactory and acceptable to us and having since that time finished his religious service within our limits acceptably to friends the clerk is directed to forward him a copy of this minute.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, together with advices relative to the answers to the queries, a recommendation to Quarterly Meetings to render annually an account of the decease of ministers and Elders occurring within their respective limits, also a modification of discipline in relation to the manner of making additions

4mo 1857

to the meetings of ministers and elders, have been received and read to our satisfaction and copies of the same were forwarded to our monthly meetings. The London general epistle for 1855 was also read to our edification and acceptance and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting, were forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your treasurer.

We have united with Nantucket Monthly meeting in the appointment of Matthew Purney to the station of an elder.

We have at this time to report the decease of Abm Russell an elder & member of Dartmouth monthly meeting which occurred 7mo [illegible] 1856 aged 83 years 4mo & 15 days and of Esther Newett an elder and member of Westport monthly meeting

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings - a summary of which is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives who are David K. Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, Edmund Gardner, John W Gifford, Benjn Potter & Wm C Taber.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 2 1857

Wm C Taber, Clerk

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford opened in this meeting, a concern that had rested on her mind to perform a visit in gospel love, as way may open for it in the truth, to friends within the limits of New York Yearly meeting — attending their meetings and appointing meetings among friends and others not members of our religious Society, as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting; Her concern was fully united with and she left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein, she being a minister in unity with us. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her certificate from Dartmo monthly meeting.

David Kelley, Joseph Wing, Calvin Shepherd

4th mo 1859 Nathan Barney Wm Tucker Geo. W Harris Samuel Smith 2d and Gideon Gifford Matthew Howland and Charles R Tucker are appointed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend our ensuing Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the Seventh month next if the Lord permit.

Summary of the answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held and attended on First days by most of our members — those held in the middle of the week and for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping with a few exceptions; no other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care is reported.

2d Love and unity appear to be generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

3d We believe that many friends are concerned to bring up those under their care as queried and to be exemplary herein themselves while others are not so careful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

5th Care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th Most friends are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th Our testimonies in these respects appear to be generally maintained.

8th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificate are reported some of which are under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good as queried and endeavors are used to place judgment when

necessary, in the authority of truth according to our discipline 4mo 1857
attest Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 7mo 1857
at Falmouth 7mo 2 1857

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows - from
Sandwich, Soloman Hoxie, Silas Baker Barnd Bowman
Pembroke, Saml Brown Calvin Shepheid
Nantucket Seth Swift.
Dartmouth Geo. [illegible] John [illegible] Wm [illegible]
Westport ~~Lawton~~ Gideon Gifford Abm Macomber
New Bedford Rufus Shearman Elnathan E Delano
Matthew Howland Richard Davis.
who are present except three - for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friend Ellwood Osburn attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from Elk monthly meeting and Westfield quarterly meeting within the limits of Indianna Yearly Meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Davis Pegg also attended this meeting as companion to the above named friend and presented a satisfactory minute from New Garden monthly meeting Indianna. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes as they relate to each

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented by sickness.

By the following minute received from the clerk of our Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum to be raised for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is two hundred forty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting when in funds.

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Yearly Meeting 1857

It is concluded to raise one thousand dollars for the use of this Meeting the present year which our quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our treasurer.—

The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is two hundred forty dollars (24 per cent). From the minutes of the meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

The auditors report that they have examined the accounts of Matthew Howland Treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of nine 38/100 dollars

Adjourned to four Oclock this afternoon

Afternoon. About the time adjourned to friends again met.

Representatives present as in the morning.

The representatives report that they have conferred together and were united in recommending that four hundred dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and propose Matthew Howland for Treasurer,— which propositions were united with and he is accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment and our monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of that sum.

Our beloved friend Priscilla Green of Great Britain attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from Thaxted Monthly Meeting, Essex Quarterly meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 5th month 1856 expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mary Nicholson companion and fellow laborer with our beloved friend Priscilla Green also attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from Pardshaw Monthly Meeting, the Quarterly Meetg of Cumberland and Northumberland and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 8th month 1856 expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee with the regulations of the School as heretofore agreed upon by our Yearly Meeting, and a minute defining the sense of that meeting in relation to an item in the article of discipline prescribing the mode of appointment of members of the meeting of ministers and elders, were received and read and directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings.

We unite with the Womens meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Hannah T Taber of New Bedford Monthly Meeting and the clerk is directed to forward information hereof to the Select Quarterly Meeting and to our next Yearly Meeting.

The London general epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our comfort and edification and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting received from the clerk of that meeting were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished, under a sense of the mercies of our Heavenly Father extended to us at this time, we conclude; proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th month next, if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 1857

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows viz.

from Sandwich Nathan Wing Wm Gifford David K. Akin
Pembroke Saml Brown Nathan T. Shepherd
Nantucket Wm Hosier Matthew Tamey
Dartmouth Wm Tucker Wm Potter Humphrey Anthony
Westport John W. Gifford Daniel Macomber

10th mo
1857

from New Bedford Wm R Taber Wm P Howland
Jos R Wing Wm C Taber
who are all present.

Our beloved friend James McLaughlin attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from China monthly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us as has also been the company of our beloved friend Joseph Taber who attended this meeting as companion to the above named friend and who presented a satisfactory minute from Unity monthly meeting. The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had rested on his mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina and to attend and appoint such meetings with friends and others as he may be drawn to within their limits and also within the limits of Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings going and returning as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished him by Sandwich monthly meeting. Which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct he being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on his certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting and sign it on our behalf.

We have received at this time 00 copies of a pamphlet issued by London Yearly Meeting and reprinted by direction of our meeting for Sufferings entitled "A Salutation in the love of Christ from the Yearly Meeting of friends in London to all who bear the name of Friends" which are directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings to be distributed by them according to the intention of the Yearly Meeting by which it was issued. 10mo 1857

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich quarterly meeting of friends held at New Bedford 12mo 3 1857 12mo 1857

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows

from Sandwich Moses Swift, Leml Gifford David K Akin
Pembroke James West Nathan T Shepherd
Nantucket Christopher Hussey Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Wm Tucker Timo Akin Moses Smith
Westport Sewell Gifford Adrian Davis
New Bedford Richard Davis Henry T. Wood
Daniel Davis & William Gifford

who are all present except one

Our beloved friends Moses H Beede of Providence monthly meeting and Joseph H Pratt of Unity monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Martha E Pratt an elder also attended this meeting as companion to her husband Joseph H. Pratt and presented a satisfactory minute from Unity monthly meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes relating to each.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed that Nantucket monthly meeting has directed its proportion of Stock paid to our treasurer

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned

12m^o 1857 at this time an endorsement furnished him by this meeting in the 10th month last and informed us that he had been favored to perform the service required of him to the peace of his own mind. He also presented returning minutes from the Yearly meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina also from Baltimore quarterly meeting and the monthly meetings of New York Chappaqua and the monthly meeting held at Somerton in Virginia all of which is acceptable and satisfactory to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned to this meeting an endorsement furnished her in the 4th month last and informed us that she had been enabled to perform the service she had in prospect greatly to the relief and satisfaction of her own mind and that she could gratefully acknowledge thro divine mercy she had lacked nothing.

She also presented returnings minutes from the Yearly meeting of ministers and elders of New York, — from the quarterly meetings of Westbury, Purchase, Leray, Stanford Nine Partners and West Lake and the monthly meetings of Younge Street, Pickering, Rochester and Farmington which is acceptable and satisfactory to us.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 4th month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

4m^o 1858 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4m^o 1 1858

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz

from Sandwich Silas Baker Mattiah Gifford Newel Stokie
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Nathan T Shepherd
Nantucket Christopher C Hussey
Dartmouth Isaac T Gifford Geo. W Francis Paul Fisher
Westport Nath! Gifford Leonard Macomber
New Bedford Geo. Howland Jr Edw^d G. Dillingham
Jabez Wood Ezra Kelley

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who are all present.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired the representatives proposed William C. Taber, for clerk and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk of this meeting which were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend ~~Samuel~~ Caleb Jones attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Falmouth monthly meeting, Maine expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings — A summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives, to which service we appoint David Kelley Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Wing William C. Taber Christopher C. Hussey Nathan T. Shepherd, Wm Tucker George Howland 2 Stephen Dillingham & Sewell Gifford.

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NB 2

We are informed that all our monthly Meetings have paid their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be forwarded.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee with the regulations of the School as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly meeting and a minute defining the sense of that meeting in relation to an item in the article of

discipline

4mo 1858 discipline prescribing the mode of appointment of members of the meeting of ministers and elders, have been received and read and were directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings.

The London general epistle of 1856 was received and read in this meeting to our comfort and edification and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, received at the same time, were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Copies of a pamphlet entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ from the Yearly meeting of Friends in London to all who bear the name of Friends" were received from the meeting for Sufferings and were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings to be distributed according to the intention of the Yearly meeting by which it was originally issued.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with New Bedford monthly meeting in approving the public ministry of Hannah T. Taber.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings, a summary of which is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives who are David Kelley, Isaac R Gifford, Joseph Wing William C. Taber Christopher C. Hussey, Nathan T Shepherd, William Tucker, George Howland Jr, Stephen Dillingham and John W Gifford. Signed by direction &c by Wm C Taber Clerk

The committee appointed in the fourth month last to render such assistance, as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting are continued on the same service and are authorised to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred

(Names of committee David Kelley, Joseph Wing Curtis Shepherd, Matthew Rainey, William Tucker, Geo. W Francis, John Wm Gifford, Gideon Gifford, Matthew Howland Charles R. Tucker)

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the Seventh month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit

attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of the Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly attended. Those on first-days by most of our members while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Some appearance of sleep in a few at times. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care taken.

2d Love and unity we believe are maintained with one or two exceptions. Detraction is mostly guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences.

3d We believe most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care agreeably to the query, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and also to be exemplary themselves, whilst others are not enough concerned herein. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

5th Care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th Friends are generally careful in these respects; a few cases of deficiency are under notice.

7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are careful in these respects with a few exceptions.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates.

10th We endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

7mo 1858 At Sandwich quarterly meeting of friends held at Falmouth 7mo 1 1858

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are from Sandwich - David Kelley Joseph Hoxie Jr Wm Gifford.
Pembroke - James West Calvin Shepherd.
Nantucket - George Easton.
Dartmouth - Benja Potter Moses Smith Jos E Smith
Westport - Nathl Gifford Daniel Macomber
New Bedford - Joseph Taber Abm Barker Edward G. Dillingham: Joseph Kempton:
who are all present.

Our beloved friend Olney Thompson attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from Bloomington monthly meeting and Red Cedar quarterly meeting Iowa expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements - His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from China monthly meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lydia Thompson attended this meeting as companion to her husband Olney Thompson and presented a satisfactory certificate from Bloomington monthly meeting, Iowa. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes relating to each.

The representatives to the yearly meeting report that they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

By the following minute received from the clerk of our yearly meeting it appears that our

proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting 7mo 1858
the ensuing year is two hundred eighty eight dollars
which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum
Treasurer of the yearly meeting when in funds.

Yearly Meeting 1858

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the present year which the quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Sandwich quarterly meeting is two hundred and eighty eight dollars (288 = 24%)

From the minutes of the meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

The Auditors report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of ninety one 54/100 dollars.

Adjourned to four O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met according to adjournment.
Representatives all present.

The representatives report that they are united in recommending that three hundred dollars be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year and in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer which propositions were united with and Matthew Howland is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment and our monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of that sum.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the first second and tenth.

We are informed by Nantucket monthly meeting that there are funds belonging to that meeting now in the hands of parties who they apprehend will pay them over if they could receive the security of this meeting — We therefore appoint Wm P. Howland

7 Mo 1858 Stephen Dillingham, Charles R Tucker, Henry T. Wood, and David K Akin to take the subject into consideration ascertain the situation of the property and report their judgment in the case to our next Quarterly meeting.

And they are authorized if the subject appears to require it to consult with the meeting for Sufferings in relation thereto.

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee with the regulations of the school in regard to the admittance of pupils &c were received and read and directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The London general epistle of the past year was read in this meeting to our edification and encouragement and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last yearly meeting received from its clerk at this time were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions.

The business brought before us being accomplished with feelings of thankfulness for the measure of Divine favor extended to us, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the tenth month next if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

10 Mo 1858 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 Mo 7. 1858.

By accts received from all our Mo Meetings, we find the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting. viz. from

Sandwich Danl Bowman Allen Kelley David K Akin
Pembroke Samuel Brown Edwin Shepherd
Nantucket Thomas Macy William Mitchell
Dartmouth Wm Potter Abner Potter for Paul Fisher
Westport John Macomber John W Gifford
New Bedford Edm Gardner Joseph Taber
Jonathan Cowin and Richard Davis

10 M° 1858 who are all present.

The clerk of this Meeting being absent Charles R Tucker is appointed Clerk for the day and Matthew Howland assistant for the day.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Ansrs from all our monthly Meetings to the 1. 2: & 10 th.

The committee appointed in the 7th Mo last to advise with friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in relation to property held by certain persons, which they are owing to that Meeting. Made the following report, which being considered was accepted - and in accordance therewith we authorize our Treasurer Matthew Howland to guarantee on our behalf the fulfilment of any bond or bonds which Nantucket Monthly Meeting may give to the different parties or Institutions on receiving from them the amounts that may be due that Meeting. the Clerk is directed to furnish Nantucket Mo Meeting with a Copy of this minute.

We unite with the Womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Mo meeting in the appointment of Betsey Akin and Abby W Holway to the station of Elders.

Nantucket Monthly Meeting informs that they have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed in the 7th Month to consider the application of Nantucket Mo Meeting - Report That we have given attention to the object of our appointment, and would now reccommend, that the

10 Mo 1858 Quarterly Meeting authorise its Treasurer to guarantee the fulfilment of such a bond as Nantucket Monthly Meeting may conclude to give to the several individuals and institutions holding monies said to belong to Nantucket Mo Meeting.

On behalf of the committee
Wm P Howland
Sandwich David K Akin
10 Mo 7. 1858. Ch R Tucker

The business brought before us at this time being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th Month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

attr Charles R Tucker Clerk } for the day.

12mo 1858 At Sandwich quarterly meeting of friends held at New Bedford 12mo 2d 1858

By accounts from all our monthly meetings except Dartmouth the representatives to this meeting are as follows, viz: from

Sandwich	David Kelley Joseph Wing Moses Swift.
Pembroke,	James West, Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket	Christopher C. Hussey Matthew Barney
Dartmouth	(The clerk omitted to forward the acct.)
Westport	Leonard Macomber Abm Macomber
New Bedford	Wm R Taber Henry T Wood Nathan Bowman Peter D Slade.

who are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Our beloved friends Edward Gove of Seabrook monthly meeting, Reuben Jones of Litchfield monthly meeting and Thomas Grover of Smithfield monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us 12mo 1858

Our beloved friend Joseph Richmond attended this meeting as companion to our beloved friend Reuben Jones and presented a satisfactory minute from Litchfield monthly meeting. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes as they relate to each.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Page also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Weare monthly meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, as also the company of her companion Hannah Page an elder who presented a satisfactory minute from the same monthly meeting. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d &10th from all our monthly meetings except one

The clerk of our last quarterly meeting inform that he has furnished Nantucket monthly meeting with a copy of the minute made on their application, and also that he has informed the Select quarterly meeting of the appointment of Betsey Akin and Abby W Holway to the station of elders.

The business brought before us being accomplished [illegible] [illegible] under a feeling of thankfulness for mercies extended to us, we conclude; proposing to meet again in the fourth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

4mo 1859 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4mo 7 1859

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows. viz

from Sandwich Newell Stokie Silas Baker Abm Dillingham
Pembroke Saml Brown Otis Ellis
Nantucket Thomas Macy
Dartmouth Wm Tucker Geo. Almy Paul Fisher
Westport Gideon Gifford John W Gifford
New Bedford Joseph Taber Wm P Howland John Wood
& Edmund Gardner

who are all present except one.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired the representatives proposed William C. Taber for clerk and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk of this meeting which was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings, ~~a~~ summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives - to which service we appoint Edmund Gardner, Calvin Shepherd Newel Stokie Timothy Akin, Matthew Barney Wm C Taber John W Gifford Joseph Taber & Lemuel Gifford.

We are informed that our proportion of ~~stock~~ Yearly Meeting stock has been paid to the treasurer of that meeting and that all our monthly meetings have paid their proportions of Quarterly meeting stock to our treasurer.

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with Nantucket monthly meeting in the appointment of Lydia B. Mitchell to the station of an elder and the clerk is directed to forward information hereof to the Select Quarterly meeting and to the ensuing Yearly meeting.

We also unite with the womens meeting in approving the testimony of New Bedford monthly meeting on behalf of our late friend Hannah S Taber and it is directed to be laid before the meeting for Sufferings 4 mo 1859

The following friends are appointed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend our Yearly meeting and they are authorised to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred viz Charles R Tucker Edmund Gardner Wm Tucker Joseph Stoxie 3d Stephen Dillingham Saml Brown, Matthew Barney, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, Otis Ellis, John W Gifford & David K. Akin.

An account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the clerk. It is as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, with the regulations of the school in regard to the admission of pupils &c were received and read and were directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The London general epistle of 1857 was also received and read to our edification and encouragement and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting, received at the same time; were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Betsey Akin and Abby W. Holway to the station of elders and with Nantucket monthly meeting in the appointment of Lydia B. Mitchell to the same station.

The following friends have deceased since our last account.

Hannah T. Taber a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting 9mo 6th 1858 aged 57 years 8 mos. 12 days

Daniel Bowman an elder and member of Sandwich monthly meeting 1mo 13th 1859 aged 84 years 8 mos 24 days.

Elizabeth Slade an elder and member of Dartmouth

4mo 1859 monthly meeting 3rd month 23rd 1859 aged 76 years 4 mos 11 days.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings; a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives who are - Edmund Gardner Calvin Shepherd Danl Hoxie; Timothy Akin, Matthew Sawny, Wm C. Taber John W Gifford, Joseph Taber & Lemuel Gifford:

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 7 1859 Wm C Taber Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the Seventh month next at Falmouth if the LORD permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk.

Summary of the answers to the queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly attended during the year except three small ones. Those on First days by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. A few friends not wholly preserved from sleep at times. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care extended.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3d We believe most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care as queried, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation, also to be good examples herein themselves; while some are not so careful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends we believe are careful in the several parts of this query.

5th Clear as far as appears except one case of placing out from among Friends.

6th Most friends are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

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7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th We believe friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to.- A few removals have occurred without certificates. Some care taken.

10th We endeavor to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment, in the authority of truth, according to discipline."

Memorial of Hannah T Taber

A testimony of New Bedford monthly meeting concerning our beloved friend Hannah T. Taber deceased.

Our beloved friend Hannah T. Taber the subject of this memorial, was the daughter of David and Anna Shearman, and was born in Dartmouth, the 25th of 12th month 1800. Subsequent to the death of her father which occurred during her childhood she removed with her mother to New Bedford when she became an inmate in the family of a beloved relative (our late friend Abraham Shearman Jr, under whose paternal guidance she was carefully educated and to whom, on his becoming a member of her family shortly after her marriage, she, in her turn, ministered for the remainder of his life; and when near the close of his earthly pilgrimage he was bowed with weakness and infirmity, she exerted herself with filial care and tenderness to smooth his declining years, and finally witnessed the ingathering of that faithful servant "as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

In the nineteenth year of her age she was married to our friend William C. Taber, and was for many years closely occupied with the care of a large family, to whom she devoted herself with assiduous attention, watching over them as those of whom she must give an account; yet notwithstanding these cares and the delicacy of her health, she did not fail to preserve a quiet cheerfulness, and one who was for some time an inmate of her family remarked that she never saw a shadow of vexation resting on her peaceful

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face or heard an impatient word escape her lips. Recognizing in all the affairs of life the love and care of her Heavenly Father she rested on Him with meek submission, securely trusting, that whether trial and disappointment, or joy and comfort were dispensed, all would be well in His divine ordering.

For several years she was confined much at home by ill health and was prevented from mingling with her friends in their religious meetings, yet although deeply feeling the privation; she was enabled we believe profitably to employ the time, and the watchful care bestowed upon her children was greatly blessed. But her own family by no means engrossed her exclusive attention; her hand was ever ready to relieve the necessities of the poor, and her heart to sympathize with the afflicted; and many can testify to the "words fitly spoken" or conveyed in an affectionate note, which had truly a sweet and encouraging influence. The charity which thinketh no evil was especially manifested in the kindly feeling with which she sought to excuse the failings of others, never allowing them to be brought forward as subjects for conversation.

She possest a strong and clear intellect and her judgment was sound and discriminating; and as improved health opened the way for more extended usefulness, these qualities, together with her loving spirit, rendered her a useful Overseer which office she filled with acceptance for several years.

The work of preparation having long been in progress, she was constrained to speak unto others of the loving kindness, goodness and mercy of the Lord. Her first appearance as a minister was in the summer of 1854 while companion to a friend on a visit to Canada, and her gift was acknowledged by her friends in the Seventh month 1857.

Although her communications were generally brief they were attended with life and power, and ministered grace to the hearers. In humble imitation of the

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Spirit of her divine Master. Self seemed with her of no reputation, all her desire appeared to be that his name alone might be exalted and the creature humbled in the dust.

For some years her hearing had been much impaired, and at this period of her life, she was almost totally deprived of the privilege of hearing what was passing in meeting. But in few things was the exercise of her simple faith more clearly shown, or more deeply instructive or edifying to her friends, than in the harmony of her exercise with that of other faithful servants, frequently evinced by the timely offering of the gift in a few words pointedly bearing upon the subject under consideration and giving unmistakable evidence of the Source whence the ability as derived.

The following extracts are taken from some memoranda left by her:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and He ~~will~~ shall direct thy paths. O! how have I desired to know this trust in God, to acknowledge him in all my ways; but we are so prone to lean to our own understanding, so often plan and contrive to suit our own views, we greatly mar the operation of his Spirit in our hearts. May I endeavor more ernestly to press forward and seek for his holy and blessed guidance, remembering the encouraging language of the prophet, 'The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him'.

"Of what weight has this declaration appeared to my mind: betrothed in righteousness and in judgment and in loving kindness and in mercies; and even in faithfulness. Truly refined as silver and tried as gold, may we walk worthy the vocation wherewith we are called, faithful to the end, as humble and dedicated followers of a crucified and risen Lord — willing to acknowledge Him before men to take up our daily cross and follow Him and accept the gracious invitation, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in

4mo 1859 heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Memorial "O! wilt Thou who knowest me altogether as I am
of be pleased to hear the prayer of my soul this evening, and
H. T. Faber through the mediation of a Savior's love grant that my faith fail not! Be pleased dearest Father, to enable me to be willing to give up all to Thee, to commit myself to Thee, — to trust in thy mighty power, and to realize that Thou still art able to give strength to overcome, and put to flight the enemies of my souls peace. May we be favored to feel that Thou, Lord, art nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and savest such as be of a contrite spirit. And although bowed down and broken and feeling desolate and alone, wilt Thou in thy everlasting mercy be pleased to lead, to guide, to counsel and direct my steps in the way Thou wouldst have me to go."

In the spring of 1856 she was called to endure a close trial, in the removal by death of her eldest daughter, Elizabeth T. King. In writing to an absent member of the family she says:

"In looking back upon our visit to Baltimore, I consider it cause of humble gratitude that while we were called there upon such a trying occasion, we were favored to feel the overshadowing power of divine goodness to be near ~~to be~~ [illegible] to bear up and support, and an undoubted evidence that the dispensation was in the ordering of that wisdom which cannot err. May the name of the Lord be magnified, and with one accord may we be willing to say, "Thy will be done." I desire that the teaching lesson may not be lost; but that we may take heed to the injunction, — "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

A short time before her decease she more than once remarked to a friend that she believed her time was short; and truly the diligence and alacrity which accompanied her faithful obedience to apprehended duty was a lesson of deep instruction to her friends.

When attacked by the illness which terminated her valuable and useful life she was absent from home in company with a ministering friend on a visit to some adjacent meetings. She was however favored to reach her own abode, but the disease made rapid progress, and by its violence prevented much expression, and on the sixth day of the ninth month 1858 her purified spirit was released from its earthly tenement, prepared we reverently believe for an abundant entrance "unto the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

4mo 1859 Memorial of R. S. Taber

Her remains were interred in Friends burial ground at New Bedford, after a solemn meeting, in which testimonies were borne by several concerned friends to the all-sufficiency of that grace by which she had been enabled faithfully to walk in conformity with the manifested will of her divine Master and to finish her course in peace.

Signed on behalf of New Bedford monthly meeting of Friends held 3mo 24th 1859

Charles R Tucker }
Dorcas F Tucker } Clerks

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 7th 1859

7mo 1859

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting, are as follows, viz. from

Sandwich, Wm Gifford, Newel Hixie Silas Baker
Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd James West
Nantucket Thomas Macy George Easton
Dartmouth Isaac K Gifford Timo. Akin Moses Smith
Westport Nathaniel Gifford Daniel Macomber
New Bedford Rufus Shearman Joseph Kempton
Joseph Taber Edward G. Dillingham

all are present except one.

Our beloved friend Thomas Frazier attended this meeting, and presented a certificate from Salem monthly meeting, Iowa; endorsed by Salem quarterly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and

7mo 1859 and present religious engagements. His company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended.

Susan Howland returns endors

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting an endorsement of a certificate furnished her in the 4th month 1856 for religious service in Great Britain & Ireland and in some places on the continent of Europe. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly meetings of ministers and elders held in London and Dublin and informed the united meetings of men and women friends (the shutters being raised for that purpose) that she had been favored to perform the religious service she had apprehended required of her to the peace and comfort of her own mind. That she had attended the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin and had visited all the meetings constituting the former and nearly all the families and individuals ~~[illegible]~~ belonging to them, also the families of those in profession with us. That she had also visited the meetings and families of those professing with us in France and Germany; and that now in returning her certificate she feels thankfully to commemorate the love and mercies of Israels God who has been her strength and support during her extended service and who has enabled her to return in peace:— which is acceptable and satisfactory to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford laid before this meeting a prospect that had rested upon her mind to attend in gospel love Western Yearly meeting and to appoint some meetings among friends and others within the limits of Western and Indianna Yearly meetings; also to attend the latter and to appoint a few meetings on returning should way open for it in the Truth:— as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting. Which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was fully united with and she was left at liberty to pursue it as truth may open the way — she being a minister ~~with~~ whom we have unity.

The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting and sign it on our behalf.

Adjourned to half past three this afternoon.

Afternoon near the time adjourned to friends again met.

Representatives present as in the morning sitting.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Dm. We unite with Nantucket monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Christopher C Hussey, the womens meeting concurring herein and the clerk is directed to inform the Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders hereof.

By the following minute received from the clerk of the Yearly meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting for the ensuing year is two hundred eighty eight dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum when the state of our Treasury will admit.

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It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer. — The quota of Sandwich quarterly meeting is two hundred eighty eight dollars (24%)

From the Minutes of the meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk."

The auditors report that they have examined the accounts of our Treasurer and find a balance due him of 8$\frac{66}{100}$ dolls.

The representatives proposed that four hundred dollars be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year. — which is united with and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to Matthew Howland who is reappointed our Treasurer.

7mo 1859 An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting giving the report of the Boarding School Committee together with the regulations of the same as it respects the admission of pupils &c was received and read and copies were directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings

The London general Epistle for 1858 was received and read at this time to our satisfaction and edification and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly meeting received from its clerk were directed to be forwarded in the usual proportions to our subordinate meetings for distribution among our members.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, and feel thankfully to acknowledge that the present occasion has been a season of renewed favor, — proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1859 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 6th 1859.

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows — from
Sandwich — Wm Gifford, Nathan Wing, David [illegible]
Pembroke — Calvin Shepherd, Saml Brown
Nantucket — Thomas Macey
Dartmouth — Prince Allen, George Almy, Moses Smith.
Westport — Daniel Macomber, Adrian Davis
New Bedford — Edmund Gardner, Daniel Davis, Joseph Kempton, Wm Gifford
who are all present.

Our beloved friend Edward Gove attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Seabrook monthly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services while amongst us have been acceptable and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1859.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School, presented their Annual Report, as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught, and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally proved seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling and desire to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.

We have had during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Cartland, and his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John F. Rowell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Paige, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Patten, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Renaud, as teacher of French and German. Mary E. Potter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline H. Pinkham of Needlework, and Samuel T. Satterthwaite, as teacher of the English branches, was employed in addition in the winter term.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the conveniences and advantages of the School, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develope and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school, has also been made, consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there;—thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund . . .	$257 50
Due the treasurer at this time . . .	97 50
	$355 00

CHARGES ON THE FUND.

Due the treasurer last year	$75 00
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each	280 00
	$355 00

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the treasurer is deducted, there will remain $160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving $120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of the School Fund . .		$5,892 84
Payments,—		
Fire insurance, premium	$165 00	
Interest	183 07	
Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	$2,795 95	
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365 00	
		2,430 95
To Joseph Cartland, on contract		3,000 00
		$5,779 02
Leaving a surplus of		113 82

Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at $2,285 69, leaves the present indebtedness $2,171 87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and $100 for any others, payable in advance. That $5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz.:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee, in order for admission."

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, 5th month, 10th, 1859.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting;

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. 10th mo 1859

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Seabrook monthly meeting expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude - proposing to meet again in the twelfth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 12mo 1. 1859

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows 12mo 1859

from Sandwich Lemuel Gifford Silas Baker Stephen Dillingham
Pembroke Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket Christopher C Hussey
Dartmouth William Potter William Tucker Joshua W Gifford
Westport Nathl Gifford John W Gifford
New Bedford Henry Tilced Marlborough Bradford
Josiah Holmes 2d Seth K Akin
who are all present.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R. Tucker and Jabez Wood to the station of Elders, the cases being each acted upon individually - with which appointments the women's meeting concurs.

Elders appd Chs R Tucker Jos Kempton Jabez Wood & Eliza C Davis and Anna G Wood

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford monthly meeting, in the appointment of Eliza C. Davis and Anna G. Wood to the station of Elders.

12mo 1859 The clerk is directed to forward information of the foregoing appointments to the Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders and to our next Yearly meeting.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned to this meeting our endorsement of a certificate furnished her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the Sixth month last to attend Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings and also for religious service within the limits of the former meeting and informed us that she had been favored to perform the service required of her to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings and from the monthly meetings of Vermillion, Bridgeport, Centre, Dover Raysville, Fairfield, White Lick, West Union, Mill Creek and Bloomfield all of which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again in the Fourth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clk

4mo 1860 At Sandwich quarterly meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 5 1860.

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows from

Sandwich	Joseph Wing David Kelley Wm Gifford
Pembroke	James West Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket	Thomas Macy Geo. Easton Christopher Hussey
Dartmouth	Isaac R Gifford Moses Smith Paul Fisher
Westport	Abr Macomber Nathl Gifford.
New Bedford	Henry T Wood Edward G Dillingham Elnathan E Delano Richard Davis Chs R Tucker.

who are all present.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives proposed William C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant which being united

with they are accordingly appointed to those services for 4m^o 1860
the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint Charles R Tucker David R Akin George Almy Thomas Macy James West Sewell Hoxie John W Gifford and Matthew Howland

We unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Boyce to the station of an elder with which the womens meeting concurs.

Sandwich monthly meeting requests that the time for holding their monthly meetings between the quarterly meetings in the fourth and tenth months be changed from the eleventh to the tenth hour with which this meeting concurs, the womens meeting uniting herein. The clerk is directed to inform Sandwich monthly meeting of the conclusion of this meeting.

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Rebecca A Gifford to the station of an elder. The clerk is directed to ~~inform~~ forward information of the foregoing appointments of Jon^{a} Boyce and Rebecca A Gifford to our next Yearly Meeting and to the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders.

We are informed that all our monthly meetings have paid their proportion of stock to our treasurer.

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock has been paid to the treasurer of that meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerks. viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

An extract from the minutes of your

4m° 1860 last meeting giving the report of the Boarding School committee with the regulations for the admission of pupils to the school was received and read in this meeting and copies directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The London general Epistle of 1858 was also received and read to our satisfaction and edification and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting, received at the same time, were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Nantucket monthly meeting in approving the public ministry of Christopher C Hussey and with New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R. Tucker, Jabez Wood, Eliza C. Davis and Anna G. Wood to the Station of elders; and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Boyce and Rebecca A. Gifford to the same station.

The following friends have deceased since our last account.

Abby W. Holway an elder and member of Sandwich monthly meeting 9m° 24 1859 aged 59 years

Sarah Potter a minister and member of Dartmouth monthly meeting 10m° 11 1859 aged 83 years 4mos & 26 days

Grace Davis an elder and member of New Bedford monthly meeting 10m° 28 1859 aged 76 years

Joseph Davis a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting 3m° 14 1860 aged 73 years.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings; a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded to you by our representatives who are Charles R Tucker David K Akin George Almy Thomas Macy James West Newell Hoxie, John W Gifford and Matthew Howland.

From the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4m° 5 1860

Wm C Taber clerk

4th mo 1860

The following friends are appointed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting and they are authorised to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred David K Akin Joseph Wing Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd George Easton Thomas Macy Wm Tucker Paul Fisher Gideon Gifford John W Gifford Edmund Gardner Matthew Howland. ([illegible])

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the seventh month next at Falmouth if the LORD permit.

attest Wm C. Taber Clerk

Summary of the answers to the queries

Answers

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except two, one of which occurred on First day during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting, and have been attended by most of our members; yet some neglect is apparent, particularly in the attendance of mid-week meetings and those for discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are nearly all preserved from sleeping. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care reported in three of the answers.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and friends endeavor to guard against detraction. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3d We believe friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation and endeavor to be exemplary in these respects themselves with some exception from one of our monthly meetings. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th We know of no exception in the use of spirituous liquors. Careful in the other parts of this query.

5th Clear as far as appears.

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6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried appear to be careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline with two exceptions reported from one of our monthly meetings.

7th. – Friends appear to be clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends are generally careful in the observance of the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals are reported without certificates.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

7 mo 1860 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo 3 1860

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are as follows viz. from

Sandwich Moses Swift – Nowell Hoxie David K Akin
Pembroke Calvin Shepherd David S. Shepherd
Nantucket Wm Hosier
Dartmouth Wm Potter [illegible] Smith [illegible]
Westport Nathl [illegible] John W. [illegible]
New Bedford Henry T. Wood. Edward W. Dillingham
Elnathan E. Delano Wm C. Taber

who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Pennsylvania monthly meeting, Harding County Iowa, endorsed by Western Plain Quarterly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements – His company and gospel labors have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friends Hannah S. Fry of Marlboro. monthly meeting New York and Elizabeth Peckham of South Kingstown monthly meeting Rhode Island attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from their friends expressive of unity with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing them with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friends Lindley M. & Mary M. Ferris attended this meeting as companions to our beloved friend Hannah S. Fry and presented a satisfactory certificate from Cornwall Quarterly Meeting. Their company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

By the following minute received from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting the ensuing year is two hundred eighty eight dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of that meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

"Yearly Meeting Sixth month 1860

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the current year which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The Quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is two hundred and eighty eight ($288 – 24%) dollars

From the minutes of the Meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey clerk"

The auditors report that they have examined the

7m.o 1860 accounts of our Treasurer and find a balance in his hands of nineteen dollars twenty four cents.

Calvin Shepherd on behalf of the representatives proposed that four hundred dollars be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year which was united with and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to Matthew Howland who is reappointed our Treasurer.

The clerk informs that he has forwarded the different items of information as directed at our last Quarterly meeting.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, together with a minute in relation to the liberation of ministers for religious service and the concern of that meeting on account of deficiences in the answers to the queries the present year were read at this time and are satisfactory to this meeting. copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our Mo. Meet.gs and the salutary advice expressed by the Yearly Meeting is truly acceptable to us.

The London general epistle for 1859 was received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction, and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting received from its Clerk were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions for distribution among our members.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the LORD permit.

Attest. Wm C. Taber clerk

10m.o 1860 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10m.o 4. 1860

By accounts received from our Monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows, from Sandwich Nathan Wing, David Kelley, William Gifford

Pembroke. Samuel Brown David S. Shepherd
Nantucket Thomas Macy Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Ephraim Gifford Benjn Potter Geo. Smith
Westport. Gideon Gifford Abm. Macomber
New Bedford Edmund Gardner, John Wood Henry T Wood
Richard Davis.

who are all present:

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

One hundred seventy five copies of the Memorials directed to be printed by our last Yearly Meeting have been received at this time and also a number of copies of the minute of our Yearly meeting in relation to the liberation of ministers for religious service; they were directed to be forwarded in the usual proportions to our several monthly meetings. and the clerk was requested to cause the minute referred to to be incerted in the books of discipline belonging to the Quarterly meeting.

Our beloved friend Mary Shove opened in this meeting a concern that had for some time impressed her mind to attend in Gospel love the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to perform some religious service on the way going and returning — which concern had the unity and concurrence of this meeting and she was left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, she being a minister in unity with us. The clerk was directed to endorse this minute on the certificate furnished her by New Bedford Monthly meeting and sign it on our behalf.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford presented to this meeting a concern that had impressed her mind to perform some religious service within the southern part of New York Yearly Meeting — which concern had the unity and concurrence of this meeting and she was left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, she being a minister in unity with us. — The clerk was directed to endorse this minute on the certificate furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting and sign it on our behalf.

10mo 1860 The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit

attest Wm C Taber clerk

12mo 1860 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 6 1860

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz from

Sandwich	Joseph Hoxie Lem^l Boyce David K. Akin
Pembroke	James West Nathan T Shepherd
Nantucket	Matthew Rainey
Dartmouth	William Tucker Lemuel Gifford Prince Allen
Westport	Gideon Gifford Abraham Macomber
New Bedford	Edmund Gardner Gideon Wood Ezra Kelley Benjamin Anthony.

who are present.

Our beloved friend James McLaughlin of China monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from his friends expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taber an elder also attended this meeting as companion to the above named friend and presented a satisfactory minute from Unity monthly meeting His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish the above friends with copies of the minutes relating to each.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader of Providence monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from her friends expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk was directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers

from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. 12mo 1860

Our beloved friend Mary Shove returned to this meeting our endorsement of a certificate furnished her by New Bedford monthly meeting to attend Baltimore Yearly meeting. She also presented a returning minute from that Yearly meeting and informed us that she had been favored to perform the visit to the peace of her own mind.— which is satisfactory.

We are informed in the account from Nantucket monthly meeting that it has accepted from Christopher C. Hussey late a minister and member of that meeting a resignation of his right of membership in our religious society: The clerk is directed to forward information hereof to the Select Quarterly meeting and to our next Yearly Meeting.

Nantucket monthly meeting informs that it has directed its proportion of stock paid to our Treasurer.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the Fourth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends 4mo 1861
held at New Bedford 4mo 4 1861

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings except Nantucket the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz. from

Sandwich Stephen R Wing Stephen Dillingham David K Akin
Pembroke James West Calvin Shepherd
Dartmouth George Smith Isaac R Gifford Joshua W Gifford
Westport Nathl Gifford Abm Macomber
New Bedford Joseph Taber Edmund Gardner
Joseph Kempton Richard Davis

who are present except three for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason is given and the non attendance of the other two is accounted for by the obstructed state of the roads from the late severe snow storm.

The time for which the clerks ~~of this meeting~~

4mo 1861 were appointed having expired the representatives proposed
clerks William C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for
appd assistant clerk of this meeting which were united with
and they accordingly appointed to those services for
the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Queries The queries were read in this meeting with answers
from all our monthly meetings except Nantucket
a summary of which prepared by the representatives was
read, approved and directed to be forwarded to the
ensuing yearly meeting, and we appoint our friends
Rep. Isaac R Gifford, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, William
appd C. Taber, Henry T. Wood Charles R Tucker, Nathl Gifford
and James West to attend that meeting as our representatives.

Sandwich, Pembroke, Dartmouth Westport and
New Bedford Monthly meetings inform that they have
paid or directed to be paid their proportions of stock to our
Treasurer

Our Treasurer reports that our proportion of
Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of
that meeting.

Moses Smith We unite with Dartmouth monthly meeting
an Elder in the appointment of Moses Smith to the station of an
elder, with which the Womens meeting concurs.

We also unite with the womens meeting in their
Maria B concurrence with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment
Smith & of Maria B Smith and Huldah Gifford to
Huldah Gifford the station of elders and the clerk is directed to forward
Elders information of the foregoing appointments to the Select Quarterly
meeting and to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

A Testimony of New Bedford monthly meeting
Testimony concerning our late beloved friend Joseph Davis was
Jos. Davis read in this meeting and being approved and having the
concurrence of the Womens meeting was directed to be forwarded
to the Meeting for Sufferings.

P R Gifford Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned
returns to this meeting ~~the~~ our endorsement of a certificate furnished
Endorsement her by Dartmouth monthly meeting and informed us

that she had been enabled to perform the religious service 4th mo 1861
which she apprehended had been required of her and had been
favored to return with the rich reward of peace. She also
presented satisfactory returning minutes from Butternuts,
Westbury & Purchase Quarterly Meetings and from the monthly
meeting of Westbury & Jericho. Which is satisfactory to this meetg.

The following friends are appointed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting and they are authorised to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred; viz David K Akin Joseph Wing Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd, George Easton Thomas Macy William Tucker, Paul Fisher Gideon Gifford John W Gifford, Edmund Gardner Matthew Howland and Stephen Dillingham.

Com: to render assistance

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

account to Yy Mtg

Dear friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee with a minute in relation to the liberation of ministers for religious service and your concern on account of the deficiences in the answers to the queries were received and read in this meeting and were satisfactory to us, copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The London general epistle of 1859 was also received and read to our satisfaction and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting received at the same time were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings for distribution among our members.

We have also received copies of the memorials of deceased friends directed to be printed at our last Yearly meeting and also copies of the minute in relation to the

4mo 1861 liberation of ministers for religious service and they were
Report forwarded in the usual proportions to our several Monthly Meetgs
to Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurer
Yly Meetg We are informed by Nantucket monthly meeting that it has accepted from Christopher C Hussey late a minister and a member of that monthly meeting a resignation of his right of membership.

We have united with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Moses ~~[illegible]~~ Smith Maria B Smith and Huldah Gifford to the station of elders

Mary B. Farnum a minister and member of Nantucket monthly meeting deceased 1mo 27 1861 aged 87 years

The queries were read in this meeting with answers a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded to you. We have appointed our friends Isaac R Gifford Newell Hoxie David Kelley Wm C Taber Henry T. Wood Charles R Tucker Nathl Gifford and James West to attend your meeting as our representatives.

From the minutes and signed by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 4 1861

Wm C Taber clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished under a feeling of gratitude for the evidence of divine regard vouchsafed to us at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the seventh month next if the Lord permit. Attest Wm C. Taber clerk

Answers Summary of the answers to the Queries.

to Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and
Queries discipline have been duly held and attended on first days by nearly all our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care has been extended.

2d We believe that love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction is guarded against

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with a very few exceptions, on which accounts some labor has been bestowed. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have occurred.

3d. We believe that a concern rests on the minds of most friends to bring up those under their care as queried, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and they are themselves in a good degree exemplary herein. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th. Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query, with a very few exceptions in the attendance of places of public resort inconsistant with our religious profession reported by one meeting.

5th. Clear in the several parts of this query.

6th. Clear, except a few instances of deviation in respect to marriage, which are under notice.

7th. Clear as far as appears.

8th. Friends, with one or two exceptions reported by one of our monthly meetings, appear to be generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, which are under notice.

10th. We believe friends are concerned to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline

Testimony
concerning
Jos. Davis

A testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning Joseph Davis.

In the removal of a dear friend whose walk among men has been a beautiful example of the quiet unobtrusive life of an humble minded follower of the meek and lowly Jesus we have felt it required of us to bear testimony to that grace by which he was enabled so to walk, and to acquit himself of the service laid upon him to the glory of God and to the comfort and edification of the Church.

Joseph Davis the subject of this memoir, was

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the son of James and Deborah Davis and was born in New Bedford in the seventh month 1786. He was from early life disinclined to take any very active part in worldly pursuits, being best satisfied with a moderate income produced by such exertion as would leave time and opportunity for that quietude of mind which was suited to his feelings. He was exemplary in the relations of life – conscientious in his dealings with his fellow men and consistent in his conduct as a christian and as a member of our religious society. But the trait of character by which he was most strongly marked, was the beautiful simplicity which seemed to pervade his mind and was shown in all his intercourse with those about him. Innocent of guile himself and having been made a rich partaker of that heavenly love, which is declared to be pure gentle and easy to be entreated, his heart abounded with love and good will toward all men as equally objects of the same redeeming mercy. He was sincerely attached to the testimonies of our religious society from a conviction that they were given forth by the ever blessed truth and was convinced that it was his duty to conform thereto. He was rarely absent from our religious meetings, and, when assembled with us, the quiet solemnity of his countenance, and the evident fervor of his spirit were sources of comfort and encouragement to his brethren. In short we feel that we may with reference to our departed friend, adopt the language of the Apostle, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, he had his conversation in the world.

About the year 1828 he first appeared in the ministry, not long after the decease of his venerated father, and improving in the gift, through the grace given unto him, his ministry was approved and he was acknowledged as a minister in the year 1833. In the exercise of his gift he travelled but little from home; his service being mostly confined to his own meetings or their immediate neighborhood.

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Concerning
Jos. Davis

His ministry was sound and edifying. His exhortations fervent, breathing out the feelings of his own devout mind. — desiring that others might come to enjoy that peace which he felt to be so blessed, — that all might taste and see that the Lord is good. He was remarkably prompt and ready in his devotional exercises; his mind seemed to be so constantly attuned to the heavenly melody that it required little preparation for him to be in readiness to receive the divine commission and no unnecessary delay prevented the timely delivery of the gospel message. In his communications he was generally concise being favoured, as we believe, to mind with great propriety the limitations as well as the openings of the Holy Spirit.

Thus he continued to the close — minding his own proper business — concerned for the glory of God and the welfare of the brethren — and finally departed this life while his perceptions were yet clear and his mind unimpaired, in the full enjoyment of that peace which is the fruit of a life spent in doing the will of his heavenly Father.

His death which took place on the 14th of 3d month 1860 was in beautiful accordance with his quiet well spent life, being taken away without apparent pain or suffering and translated as we may humbly trust to those blessed mansions to unite with the ransomed of all generations, with whom his spirit while on earth was so much in unison in thanksgiving and praise unto our God and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford monthly meeting held 3mo 28 1861

Charles R Tucker }
Dorcas F Tucker } Clerks

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 4, 1861 A testimony of New-Bedford monthly meeting concerning our late beloved friend Joseph Davis was read in this meeting and being approved was directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings

attest Wm C Taber }
Sarah H Anthony } Clerks

7mo 1861 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 4 1861.

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows from:

Sandwich — J. Nathan Wing ~~Saml Brown~~ Silas Baker Jona Boyce.
Pembroke — Saml Brown Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket — No one appointed
Dartmouth — Moses Smith Isaack Gifford Abner Potter Jr
Westport — Gideon Gifford Leonard Macomber
New Bedford — Rufus Shearman Edward G. Dillingham
Albert Wood Joseph Taber.

who are present.

Our beloved friend John Hodgkin of Great Britain attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from the monthly meeting of Lewes & Chichester, the Quarterly Meeting Sussex Surrey Hampshire and part of Dorsetshire held at Brighton and from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London 28th of 5mo 1861, expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and gospel labors have been comforting and satisfactory to us.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

By the following minute received from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting is two hundred eighty eight dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting when the state of the treasury will admit.

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It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the present year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is two hundred 7mo 1861
and eighty eight dollars ($288) 24 per cent.

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk

By a report from the Auditors we are inform'd that the accounts of our Treasurer have been examined and found correct and shew a balance in his hands of Seventy Six dollars forty Six cents.

Calvin Shepherd on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they were united in proposing that three hundred fifty dollars be raised for the use of this meeting and that they also proposed the appointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer — which propositions were united with and Matthew Howland is accordingly reappointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum.

The report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

A very acceptable minute of advice from our last Yearly meeting on the subjects of war and Slavery was also received and read to our satisfaction and we commend the paper to the serious attention of our members. 250 copies of this minute together with 500 copies of the printed minutes of Our Yearly Meeting received from its Clerk are directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly meetings to be distributed among our members.

An address to Friends in North America from the Yearly Meeting Friends held in London the present year was received and read in this meeting and was felt to be appropriate and satisfactory — Copies of the same together with copies of the general epistle issued by the same meeting in 1860 were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings to be read in them & distributed.

We unite with the womens meeting in their

7mo 1861 concurrence with Sandwich Monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing. — The clerk is directed to forward Informed information hereof to the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders and to our next Yearly Meeting

The business brought before us being accomplished with the feeling that we can gratefully acknowledge that this day has been to us a day of favor, we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1861 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 3 1861

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

from Sandwich Nathan Wing Joseph Hoxie 3d Mattiah Gifford
Pembroke James West Nathan T. Shepherd
Nantucket Thomas Macy
Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford Moses Smith Abner Potter
Westport Gideon Gifford John W Gifford
New Bedford Geo. Howland Jr Joseph Kempton
Josiah Holmes Jr & John Wood Jr

who are all present.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

We are informed that Nantucket monthly meeting has forwarded its proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

A request having been made on behalf of Nantucket monthly Meeting that a committee be appointed to advise friends of that meeting with reference to their property — we appoint Wm Gifford of New Bedford, Charles R Tucker David K Akin Edward W. Howland and Samuel Brown to render such advice as the circumstances may seem to require and report their attention to the service at a future meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished

we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time 10mo 1861
in the 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit
Attest- Wm C Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 12mo 1861
at New Bedford 12mo 5th 1861

By accounts from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are
from Sandwich David K. Akin Stephen Kelley Wm Gifford
Pembroke Samuel Brown James West
Nantucket Thomas Macy George Easton
Dartmouth Wm Tucker Joshua W. Gifford Isaac R Potter
Westport Adrian Davis Nathaniel Gifford.
New Bedford Joseph Taber Elnathan E. Delano
Rufus Shearman Richard Davis.
who are present except one for whose absence a reason was assigned.

Our beloved friend Edward Gove of Seabrook monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from his friends expressive of their unity with his present religious engagements and that he was a minister in good esteem with them. — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon of Providence monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from his friends expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John Paige of Weare monthly meeting also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from his friends expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of the minutes made in their respective cases.

12mo 1861 The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Sandwich monthly meeting requests that their Monthly Meetings which now commence at the eleventh may in future commence at the tenth hour; — which is united with by this meeting, the womens meeting concurring herein. The clerk is directed to forward information hereof to that meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude with the grateful acknowledgment that we have been favored at this time with the fresh extendings of our Heavenly Father's love. We propose to meet again at this place in the fourth month next year if the Lord permit.

Attest — Wm C Taber clerk

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4mo 1862 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 3. 1862

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are
from Sandwich Frivah Holway Jona Joyce Silas Baker
" Pembroke Saml Brown Nathan T Shepherd
" Nantucket Thomas Macy Matthew Barney
" Dartmouth Paul Fisher Benj Potter Timothy Aikin
" Westport Gideon Gifford Abm Macomber
" New Bedford Saml Rodman Geo. Howland Jr
Gilbert Wood & Wm P Howland
who are present.

clerks The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired the representatives informed through one of their number that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Wm C Taber for clerk and Charles R Tucker for assistant clerk which propositions were severally united with and they were appointed to those services for the year ensuing or till another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings, a summary of which prepared by the representatives was read, approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly meeting. 4m° 1862

The following friends namely Samuel Rodman Wm C Taber Nathan C Sickherd Newell Hoxie David Kelley Benjamin Potter Thomas Macy Matthew Howland Charles R Tucker are appointed to attend the Yearly meeting as our representatives.

All our monthly meetings have informed that their proportions of Stock are paid or directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

Our Treasurer reports that he has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting the sum required for the service of that meeting.

The clerk reports that he has forwarded to Sandwich monthly meeting the information directed at our last meeting.

The committee appointed in the 10th month last on the application of Nantucket monthly meeting presented the following report which is acceptable to this meeting and the committee is discharged.

To Sandwich Quarterly meeting

The committee appointed in 10m° last to confer with friends of Nantucket monthly meeting, report they have attended to their appointment and rendered such advice as the nature of the case seemed to require, which was satisfactory to them.

On behalf of the Committee
Wm Gifford
4m° 2. 1862 David K Akin

We are informed that Cromwell Barnard correspondant of Nantucket monthly meeting deceased in the second month last. The clerk is directed to insert this information in our account to the Yearly meeting and to propose the name of Matthew Barney for that service.

The friends now under appointment to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend

4mo 1862 the Yearly meeting are continued another year on the same service and they are authorised to draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

(The friends are David K Akin Joseph Wing Samuel Brown Calvin Shepherd Geo. Easton Thomas Macy Wm Tucker Paul Fisher Gideon Gifford John W Gifford Edmund Gardner Matthew Howland Stephen Dillingham.)

The following account to the Yearly meeting was approved

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

We have received since our last account copies of the report of the Boarding School Committee and of an acceptable minute of advice from your last meeting on the subjects of War and Slavery, also of an address to friends in North America from the Yearly Meeting held in London the past year and of the General Epistle issued by the same body in 1860, all of which have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction. 500 copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting have likewise been received and with the above papers have been forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing.

Abigail Davis a member and minister of New-Bedford monthly meeting deceased 3mo 1 1862 aged nearly eighty years.

The correspondant of Nantucket monthly meeting Cromwell Barnard deceased in the second month last and we would propose Matthew Barney to supply the vacancy.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings, a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded to you; and we have appointed Samuel Rodman, Wm C Taber, Nathan S.

Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Benjamin Potter, Thomas Macy, Matthew Howland & Chs. R Tucker, to attend your Meeting as our representatives.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 3 1862.

Wm C Taber Clerk

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had for a length of time impressed her mind to visit in the love of the gospel friends and others in the northern and western portions of Indiana & Western Yearly Meetings; also to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ohio and such other service within its limits as way may open for in the truth.

Which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was united with and she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, she being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to endorse this minute on the certificate furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in the Seventh month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

Summary of the Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held and attended on First days by nearly all our members — mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. A few not wholly preserved from sleeping. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care extended.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained with some exception in the answer from one monthly meeting. Most friends are concerned to guard against detraction. Care is taken to end differences when they appear

4mo. 1862 Summary of the answers

3d We believe most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care agreeably to this query and to be themselves exemplary herein; while some are not so careful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in Friends families.

4th Clear in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of the attendance of places of public resort reported in the answers from one monthly meeting.

5th We believe care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th We believe that friends generally are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th Clear as far as we know in the several parts of this query with six exceptions in relation to our testimony against war.

8th We believe friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to. Seven removals without certificate are reported which are under notice.

10th We believe friends are careful to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, and to place judgment when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline

7mo. 1862 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo. 3d 1862

By accounts from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are
from Sandwich Daniel Swift Joseph Hoxie David K Akin
Pembroke Saml Brown James West
Nantucket Thomas Macy
Dartmouth Moses Smith Geo. Almy Paul Fisher
Westport Gideon Gifford [illegible]
New Bedford Joseph [illegible] Marlboro [illegible]
Rufus Shearman Geo Howland Jr

who are present. 7 mo. 1862

Our beloved friend William Green from Ireland attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from the monthly meeting of Lisburn, – the Quarterly meeting for the province of Ulster and from the Yearly meeting of ministers and elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 26th of 4th month & 3d of 5th month 1862. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Hobson of Ohio also attended this meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from [illegible] monthly meeting and [illegible] Creek Quarterly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Isaac Stanley attended this meeting as companion to Joseph Hobson and presented a satisfactory certificate from Upper Springfield monthly meeting, Ohio. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends Joseph Hobson and Isaac Stanley with copies of the minutes as they relate to each.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed that the representatives to our late Yearly meeting attended it with one exception.

The following minute from the clerk of the Yearly meeting was received and read by which it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that meeting is two hundred eighty eight dollars; which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treas.r of the Yearly meeting when the state of our Treasury will admit.

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"It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars ($1200.–) for the use of this meeting the present year which the

Quarterly

7mo 1862 Quarterly meetings are requested to raise and forward to David Buffum our Treasurer. The Quota of Sandwich Quarterly meeting is two hundred eighty eight dollars ($288.-) 24 per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk

By a report from the Auditors we are informed that the accounts of our Treasurer have been examined and found correct and that there is a balance in his hands of seventy three 31/100 dollars. ($73 31/100)

Moses Smith on behalf of the representatives informed that they were united in proposing that three hundred fifty dollars ($350.-) be raised for the use of this meeting and the reappointment of Matthew Howland as our treasurer — which propositions were severally united with and he is accordingly reappointed Treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read — a salutary minute of advice on the subject of dealing with offenders was also received and read and copies of the same directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings for their observance.

We have also received copies of the London General Epistle one of which was read to our satisfaction, & the sympathy therein evinced with us on account of the present distracted condition of our country is comforting to us. Copies of the same together with copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting forwarded by its clerk were directed to be sent to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our members.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude under a feeling of gratitude for the mercies permitted to us; and propose to meet again in the Tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1862.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the past year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the school house, on first day mornings, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with $3800 from the income of the permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the school. The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c., and the liquidation of the debt, ($1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of $50,15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. $40 per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in advance. And that $5, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.
Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1862."

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th Months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 2d 1862 10mo 1862

By accounts from all our monthly meetings ~~the~~ representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

from Sandwich Prince G. Moore Allen Kelley Daniel Fisher
Pembroke James West Nathan T. Shepherd.
Nantucket Thomas Macy Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Timothy Akin Moses Smith Ezra Allen,
Westport Nathl Gifford Leonard Macomber.
New Bedford David Shove Edmund Gardner
Joseph R. Wing Rufus Shearman

who are present except two.

Our beloved friend Albert S Payson attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Smithfield monthly meeting expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable and satisfactory to us and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Albert S Payson visit

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. Queries answered

The following minute received at this time from Nantucket monthly meeting was read and considered and in a view of the reduced condition of that meeting we appoint our friends Wm C Taber David K Akin Saml Brown Isaac R Gifford Albert Tixie and Charles R Tucker a committee to unite with a committee of the womens meeting in taking their situation into consideration, to visit that meeting, and endeavor after the guidance of that wisdom which is from above to ascertain what the best interest of Society may require to be done in the case. To report their judgment to a future meeting. Proposal to discontinue Nantucket Mo. meetg

"We believe the time fully come when the attention of the Quarterly meeting should be called to the condition of this meeting. Owing to the age and infirmity Minute of Nantucket Mo. Mo.

of

10 Mo 1862

Minute recd from Nantucket Mo meetg

of many of our members and the smallness of our number that can convene together in a meeting capacity, we have felt very much straitened in endeavoring to sustain a monthly meeting reputably to the honor of truth.

After full deliberation thereon it is our united judgment and desire that the Quarterly meeting should be informed hereof that they may take the subject into consideration and render such aid and advice as the case demands. The womens meeting concurring herein The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Quarterly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of Nantucket monthly meeting held 9 mo 25th 1862

Matthew Barney clerk"

We unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Nathan Wing to the station of Elder — the womens meeting concurring herein, and the clerk is directed to forward information hereof to our Select Quarterly meeting And to our next Yearly Meeting.

Leml Gifford to Westbury &c

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect that had rested on his mind for some months past to make a religious visit in the love of the gospel within the limits of Westbury, Purchase Ninepartners Stanford & Cornwall Quarterly meetings and to perform other religious service as fully expressed in a certificate furnished him by Sandwich Monthly meeting:— which concern was fully united with by this and the womens meeting and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct he being a minister with whom we have unity.

The clerk is directed to endorse this minute on his certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting.

P R Gifford returns endorsment

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned at this time our endorsement of a certificate furnished her by Dartmouth monthly meeting in the 3d month last and informed the meeting that the service contemplated had been to some extent accomplished and that to the peace

10mo 1862

and satisfaction of her own mind, but on account of sickness some of the meetings in Iowa which she had liberty to visit had not been attended. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from Ohio Yearly meeting and from the monthly meeting Lickcreek, Indiana. Which is satisfactory to the meeting

Mary R Wing an Elder

We unite with the womens meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary R Wing to the station of elder. And the clerk is directed to inform the Select Quarterly meeting and our next Yearly meeting thereof.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th month next if the Lord permit

Attest- Wm C Taber clerk

12mo 1862

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 4 1862.

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are from -

Sandwich - Nathan Wing, David Kelley Azariah Gifford
Pembroke - James West - Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket - Thomas Macy
Dartmouth - Ephraim Gifford Geo. [illegible] Moses Smith
Westport - Nath.l Gifford [illegible] Gifford
New Bedford - Henry T. Wood [illegible]
Jos. S. Tillinghast, Richard Davis.

who are present.

Our beloved friends Eli Jones and his wife Sybil Jones attended this meeting, and presented separate satisfactory minutes from China monthly meeting Maine expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them ~~with~~ individually with a copy of this minute.

12mo 1862 Our beloved friend John Henry Douglas also attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Dover monthly meeting Ohio endorsed by Center Quarterly meeting, expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us as has also been the company Eli Harvey an elder, his companion who presented a satisfactory minute from Springfield monthly meeting Ohio. The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting at the request of Nantucket monthly meeting presented the following partial report which was read and concluded and the committee were authorised to render such assistance as may be required by friends of that meeting in the settlement of their affairs.

Report. To Sandwich Quarterly meeting,

The committee appointed on the application of Nantucket monthly meeting, report that ~~they~~ we have given attention to the subject referred to us. Several of our number have visited that meeting and their situation was freely presented and considered but it appeared that there were subjects both disciplinary and pecuniary that required to be disposed of before the question of the discontinuance of that meeting could be properly acted upon.

We would therefore propose that the committee be authorised to render such advice and assistance to that monthly meeting in the settlement of its affairs as may place it in a situation to be discontinued whenever in the judgment of the Quarterly meeting it may seem best.

On behalf of the Comm.
New Bedford [illegible]
12mo 14. 1862 Wm C. Taber

The clerk reports that he has informed the Select Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R Wing, to the station of elder 12mo 1862

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned to this meeting an endorsement of a minute furnished him in the 10th month last to make a religious visit within the limits of several Quarterly meetings belonging to New-York Yearly meeting and informed us that he had been mercifully favored to perform the service to the peace of his own mind. He also presented acceptable returning minutes from the Quarterly meetings of Westbury Purchase Nine partners Stanford & Cornwall and from the monthly meetings of Swansey, Amawalk, Purchase & Chappaqua. All of which is acceptable to us.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the fourth month next year at this place if the Lord permit, with a sense that we have at this time been favored, as we humbly trust to sit as it were under the droppings from the sanctuary whereby our hearts have been stimulated to renewed desires after a more full conformity to the Divine Will.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends 4mo 1863 held at New Bedford 4mo 2 1863.

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting, are as follows viz from

Sandwich – Silas Baker Stephen R Wing Jona Boyce
Pembroke – Nathan P Shepherd James West
Nantucket – Thomas Macy George Easton
Dartmouth – Benj. Smith Geo. Wing ~~Nathl Gifford~~ Abner Potter
Westport – John Gifford Adrian Davis Nathl Gifford
New Bedford – Gideon Ward Rufus Shearman
Elnathan E Delano Peter D Slade
who are all present.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired the representatives reported that they

4m° 1863 had conferred together and were united in proposing William Taber for clerk and Chas R Tucker for assistant which were severally united with and they appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings - a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

We appoint our friends Joseph Wing of Sandwich James West, Benjamin Anthony William Taber Rufus Shearman David K Akin, Isaac R Gifford Thomas Macy & Adrian Davis to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

We are informed that all our monthly meetings have paid or directed their proportion of stock to be paid to our Treasurer

The Committee appointed in in the 10th month last on an application from Nantucket monthly meeting presented the following report which was accepted with the concurrence of the womens meeting, and the committee are released.

An acceptable and timely minute of advice received at this sitting from our meeting for Sufferings in reference to our conduct in relation to the present unhappy situation of our country was read to our satisfaction and copies of the same were directed to be distributed.

"To the Quarterly Meeting,

" The Committee appointed on the application of Nantucket monthly meeting report that they have endeavored to investigate the situation of the pecuniary affairs of that meeting, and have rendered such advice and assistance as the case admitted of.

After a deliberate and careful consideration of the situation of the meeting, the committee were united in judgment that the time for discontinuing it had not arrived: but that the well being of friends on the Island would be promoted and the cause of our Society would not suffer by the continuance of the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford
4mo 2d 1863

Samuel Brown
Phebe R Gifford

The following report to the Yearly meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear friends

We have received from you since our last account an acceptable minute of advice on the subject of dealing with offenders together with the report of the Boarding School Committee which were read and directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings. The London general Epistle for 1861 has also been received and read to our satisfaction and copies of the same with copies of the printed minutes of your last meeting were forwarded to our Subordinate meetings for distribution.

An acceptable and timely minute of advice was received at this time from our meeting for Sufferings. It was read to our satisfaction and directed to be distributed among our members.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R Wing to the station of elder.

Maltiah Gifford a member and elder of Sandwich monthly meeting deceased 7mo 20, 1862 aged 82 years 1 month 4 days

Nathan Wing a member and elder of the same monthly meeting, deceased 1mo 13th 1863 aged 58 years 10mo 16 days.

Joseph Wing is proposed for correspondent of Sandwich monthly meeting in place of Maltiah Gifford deceased.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our monthly meetings — a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you and we have

4mo 1863 have appointed our friends Joseph Wing of Sandwich James West, Benjamin Anthony, William C Taber, Rufus Shearman, David K Akin, Isaac K Gifford, Thomas Macy and Adrian Davis to attend as our representatives

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 2d 1863

Wm C Taber Clerk

The friends now under appointment to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who feel a concern to attend the Yearly meeting are continued another year on the same service and they are authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

(Names of committee David K Aken Joseph Wing Samuel Brown Calvin Shepherd, Geo Easton Thomas Macy, Wm Tucker Paul Fisher Gideon Gifford John W Gifford, Edmund Gardner Matthew Howland Stephen Dillingham)

A proposition contained in the account from New Bedford monthly meeting for a revision of our discipline was considered but way not opening for carrying the subject forward to the Yearly meeting at this time, it was deferred.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 7th month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber clerk

Summary of the answers 4mo 1863

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one which omission was in consequence of the impracticability of traveling. Those on First days by nearly all our members. Midweek meetings and those for discipline are much neglected by some. Friends are generally careful to observe the hour and with a few exceptions are preserved from sleeping. – No other unbecoming behavior noticed.

Some care extended.

2d Love and unity are we believe in a good degree maintained among us and friends generally are careful to guard against detraction. When differences appear endeavors are used to end them

Summary of the answers

3d. Most of our members we think are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness and also to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation and are in a good degree exemplary herein themselves; while others appear less watchful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th. We know not but clear, except that in the account from one of our monthly meetings it is stated "nearly if not quite clear of the improper use of spirituous liquors and that places of public resort and of amusement inconsistent with our ~~religious~~ christian profession have been attended by a few on which account some labor has been extended".

In the other parts of this query moderation has been observed.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. We believe their children freely partake of learning, to fit them for business. None placed out.

6th. With a very few exceptions we believe that friends are careful that proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th. Not quite clear of contributing to a paid ministry. Most friends we believe have endeavored to maintain our testimony against war although a deficiency in this respect has been apparent in a few and nine of our members have joined the army. Some care extended.

Clear in the other parts of this query.

8th. We believe that friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A number of removals without certificate are under notice no way in many cases having opened to remedy the deficiency.

10th. Endeavors have been used to deal with offenders we trust according to the query and also to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

7mo 1863

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 2d 1863

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

Sandwich	Jona Boyce David K. Akin Micah Holway Thomas Howland
Pembroke	Calvin Shepherd James West
Nantucket	none
Dartmouth	Timo Akin Geo. Almy Abner Potter Jr
Westport	Leonard Macomber Gideon Gifford
New Bedford	Joseph Taber Edward G. Dillingham Marlboro. Bradford Edmund Gardner

who are present except three for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

Our beloved friends Thomas Smith of Raisin monthly meeting Michigan, Ellwood Ozbun of Salem monthly meeting Iowa and Saml. Boyce of Salem monthly meeting Massachusetts attended this meeting, and presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with their ~~friends~~ ministry and present religious engagements.— Their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each

Our beloved friends Lemuel P. Clark companion to Thomas Smith and Nathan H Bond companion to Ellwood Ozbun also attended this meeting and presented testimonials of the unity of their friends with their present engagements. Their company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes to that effect.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

The following minute from the clerk of our Yearly meeting was received and read from which it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1863.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment, and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz., 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, Teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. Wing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee:—"The removal by death of one of the pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf,—

"Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.
Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the Manufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value $6,500); one hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value $6,000), one hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value $5,000); and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value, $5,000), for the education of poor children, in that Institution; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,
I am your friend,
JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our records, viz.:—

"This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope, transit instrument and clock; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

NOTE.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month. The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and closes the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

that meeting the ensuing year is six hundred dollars which 7 mo 1863
our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer
of the Yearly Meeting when the State of the Treasury will admit.

"Yearly Meeting 6 mo 1863

It is concluded to raise twenty five hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year which the Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer— The quota of Sandwich Quarterly meeting is six hundred dollars 24 percent!

From the minutes of the meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk

By a report from the auditors we are informed that the accounts of our Treasurer have been examined and found correct and that there is a balance in his hands of eighty four 96/100 dollars.

David K. Aiken on behalf of the representatives informed that they were united in proposing that six hundred twenty five dollars be raised for the use of this meeting and also the reappointment of Matthew Howland as our Treasurer:— Which propositions were severally united with and he is accordingly reappointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School committee were read and copies of the same were directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings.

550 copies of the printed minutes of the same meeting were also received and directed to be distributed to our monthly meetings in the usual proportions

We are informed that the representatives to the Yearly meeting attended it.

We have again been permitted to meet together in peace and have as we reverently acknowledge been favored with a fresh visitation of our Heavenly Father's love. ~~and~~

7mo 1863 With desire that we may be enabled to profit thereby we conclude proposing to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit—

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

10mo 1863 At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 1. 1863

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

from Sandwich Silas Baker Joseph Hoxie Jona. Boyce
" Pembroke Saml Brown Nathan T Shepherd
" Nantucket Thomas Macy
" Dartmouth Prince Allen Isaac R Gifford Wm Tucker
" Westport Nathl Gifford John Macomber
" New Bedford Henry T Wood David Shove Richard Davis Saml Rodman

who are all present.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

Our beloved friend Susan Howland informed this meeting, that she had felt it required of her to resign herself to the service of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to visit such of the meetings and families constituting it as way may open for in the truth as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by New Bedford monthly meeting.— Which concern was fully united with by this meeting and she left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, she being a minister in unity and good esteem with us. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her certificate from New Bedford monthly meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th month next if the Lord permit—

Attest Wm C Taber clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 3 1863

By accounts from all our monthly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows
from Sandwich Jona Boyce David K. Akin Lemuel Gifford
Pembroke Saml Brown David T. Shepherd
Nantucket Thomas Macy Matthew Barney
Dartmouth Ephraim Gifford Isaac K Potter Timo Akin
Westport Adrian Davis Gideon Gifford
New Bedford Rufus Shearman John Wood Jr
Peter D Slade Benjamin Anthony
who are all present.

Obadiah Chase from Swansey Warren R.I. &c

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chase of Swansey monthly meeting attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate expressive of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagements — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the 1st, 2d, & 10th

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting our endorsement of her certificate from New-Bedford monthly meeting, and presented a satisfactory returning minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting held from the 19th to the 22d of 10th month last — She also informed us that she had been enabled to perform the service that opened before her and to return with a feeling of peace and with the acknowledgement that hitherto the Lord had been her help; — all of which is acceptable and encouraging to us.

New Bedford monthly meeting in their account at this time requests the appointment of a committee in a case of difference of opinion between a member of that monthly meeting and member or members of another monthly meeting in this Quarter in the settlement of an estate: — after a thoughtful consideration of which we

appoint

12mo 1863 appoint our friends William Tucker Nathaniel Gifford and Samuel Brown to make a careful examination of all the questions on which the parties are not agreed and to render such advice and assistance in the speedy settlement of the difference as way may open for and the circumstances of case require. — To report their service at a future meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the Fourth Month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C Taber

4mo 1864 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 7. 1864

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings except Nantucket, the Representatives named to attend the Meeting are, from Sandwich, David Kelley, Stephen Dillingham, Alvah Holway.

Pembroke, Samuel Brown, Calvin Shepherd.

Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford, Moses Smith
Ephraim Gifford.

Westport Nathl Gifford, Benjamin Gifford.

New Bedford, Rufus Shearman, Gidn Wood,
Geo Howland Jr & Richard Davis.

who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason~~s~~ was assigned.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired,

Clerks the representatives thro one of their number proposed Charles R Tucker for Clerk and Matthew Howland for assistant which nominations were separately considered and united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

William C Taber having acceptably served this Meeting as clerk for more than twenty years, he has been released at his own request. 4 m. 1864

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce who attended this Qr Meeting in the 7th mo last being at this time with us, his certificate was again read. his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Saml Boyce.

The Queries have been read in this Meetg with answers from all our Mo Meetings except Nantucket, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing yearly Meeting.

We appoint our friends Rufus Shearman, Wm C Taber, Jos Wing, David Kelley, David K Akin Moses Smith Nathaniel Gifford and Henry T Wood to attend that Meeting as our representatives.

We are informed that all our Mo Meetgs except one have paid their proportion of Qr Meetg Stock to our Treasurer. Stock

Our Treasurer informed the Meeting that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock had been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting. Yr Mtg Stock.

We appoint Stephn Dillingham, Saml Brown Wm Tucker, Dilwn Gifford, Rufus Shearman, Richd Davis, David Kelley, Abrah Holway, Geo Easton and Ephraim Gifford to render such assistance as may be found necessary to Friends in straightened circumstances who feel concerned to attend the Yr Meeting and they are authorized to draw upon our Treasurer for expenses thus incurred. Committee to assist Poor Friends

4 Mo 1864 We are informed that our Mo Meetings duly received from our Meeting for Sufferings a communication in relation to increased

Boarding School charges for tuition at our Boarding School at Providence issued in the 2d Month last.

The following acct to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends

We have received from you since our last account, Extracts from the minutes of your

Account to Yearly Meeting last Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, which was read and copies of the same together with copies of the printed minutes of the same Meeting were directed to be forwarded to our several Mo Meetings.

We are informed that the London General Epistle for 1862 has been received and read in all our Mo Meetings and distributed among their members, and also that a communication from our Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the price of board and tuition at our Boarding School at Providence has been recd by them.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your treasurer.

The queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Mo Meetings except Nantucket — a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you, and we have appointed our friends Rufus Shearman Wm B Baker, Job Wing David Kelley, David K Aikin Moses Smith Nathaniel Gifford and Henry T Wood to attend as our representatives.

Rachael Swain an Elder and member of 4 mo 1864
Nantucket Mo Meeting deceased 9 Mo 4. 1864 aged R Swain
91 years 8 months and 8 days.
Lydia Hussey a member and minister of the L Hussey
Same Mo Meeting deceased 2 Mo 18. 1864. aged
84 years and 11 months.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 7.
1864
Charles R Tucker Clerk.

Friends in our several Mo Meetings are
requested to furnish William C Taber with
an account of what has been done to aid Refugees
the Freedmen and Refugees in order that
he may be able to convey that information
to the Meeting for Sufferings, and Wm
C Taber is directed to receive and forward
through a proper channel such donations
as friends in this Qr Meeting may send
to him for that deserving charity.

Summary of the Answers 4 mo 1864

1st All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended, at two of which
but one person was present, those on First days
by most of our members, while mid-week Queries
meetings and those for discipline are more
neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed.
Friends are preserved from sleeping except
in a few instances. No other unbecoming
behavior noticed. Some care has been extended.

2d Love and unity are in a good degree
maintained. Detraction nearly guarded
against. Endeavors are used to end differences.

3d Most friends endeavor to bring up those
under their direction as required and to
restrain them from pernicious reading,
and from corrupting conversation, also to
be good examples herein themselves.

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently

4 Mo 1864 read in friends families.

4th. One case of the improper use of spiritous liquors, and a few instances of the attendance of places of public amusements are reported by one Mo Meeting. In other respects clear as far as appears

Queries 5th. Clear as far as appears except one instance of placing out from among friends.

6th. With a few exceptions in two Mo Meetings we beleive that friends are careful that all proceedings with respect to Marriage are conformable to our discipline.

7th. Clear in the several parts of this query with seven exceptions in relation to military matters. Most of which were reported last year.

8th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates are under notice.

10th Endeavors are used to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgement in the authority of truth according to discipline.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 7th Mo next at Falmouth if the Lord permit. Charles R Tucker
Clerk.

7 Mo 1864. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 Mo 7. 1864.

By accounts received from all our Mo Meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are, from Sandwich, David K Akin, Prince G Moore, Solomon Hosie.
Pembroke Samuel Brown. Calvin Shepherd.
Nantucket No appointment
Dartmouth Abner Potter jr, Timothy Akin, Moses Smith.
Westport Leonard Macomber. Nathaniel Gifford.
New Bedford, David Davis, Wm Gifford, Richard Davis and Josiah Holmes jr.
Who are all present except one, for whose absence a Sufficient reason was rendered.

Our beloved friends David Hunt from Honey Creek Mo Meeting Iowa, Aaron L Benedict of Alum Creek Mo Meeting Ohio, Cornelius Douglass of Dover Mo Meeting Ohio, and James Jones Visit of of China Mo Meeting Maine; attended this D. Hunt Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates A L Benedict from their respective Meetings expressive of C Douglass the unity of their friends with their ministry and Jas Jones. and present religious engagements, Their company and religious labors have been acceptable and edifying to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this Minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all our Mo Meetings to the 1. 2. and 10.th.

Our Representatives to the yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Our beloved friend William H Potter Wm H who is making a Social visit to his friends, Potters attended this Meeting with a Satisfactory visit certificate from Elba Mo Meeting New York

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expressive of unity with him as a minister, his company has been acceptable to us.

Eliz L Comstock and Eliza Brewers visit

Our beloved friends Elizabeth L Comstock of Rollin Mº Meeting Michigan - and Eliza Brewer of West Lake Mº Meeting Canada West - attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and religious labors have been acceptable and edifying to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each.

PH Benedict
E Haworth
EH Varney
D P Crane

Our friends Phebe H Benedict who accompanies her husband Aaron L Benedict, Elijah Haworth companion to Cornˢ Douglass, Eliza H Varney companion to Eliza Brewer, and Deborah P Crane companion to Elizabeth L Comstock, attended this Meeting with satisfactory testimonials from their friends expressive of unity with them in their present engagements. Their company and exemplary deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies embracing the substance of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

Yr Meetg Stock

The following minute from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting was received and read, by which it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that Meeting the ensuing year is seven hundred and twenty dollars 24% per Ct. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treasurer of the Yr Meeting when the state of our Treasury will admit.

YEARLY MEETING, Sixth month, 1864.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends : The Committee appointed to Superintend the Board-ng School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of he School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventy-one males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-two, viz: one hundred males and eventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Bessie C. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, Teachers in the English Branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Elma M. Dame, and in the Winter Term, Amy E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Smiley has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza P. Smiley, who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in he summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily dministered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on he First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest nterest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the orm, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Peekskill, N. Y., who died on the 10th of 1st month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To ommemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, signally manifested in er closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of he Principal to us. 'All who had the privilege of witnessing the joy which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and hearing the lmost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, of faith in His romises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were eeply moved, and such thought that Heaven was indeed brought very ear to them.'

This solemn event was thus noticed in the Minutes of the Committee. The account of the removal of our dear young friend has produced n our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives, mingled with ratitude for this bright, happy close,—so full of the glorious hopes of a lessed immortality through *Him* who loved us and gave Himself or us."

On the 16th of 3d month another death occurred, from pulmonary isease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th ear. We believed it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, o preserve, on the Records of the Committee, the following minute: n the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had een very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we ealize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and fficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness o assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable nd unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his use-lness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, hat, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of od in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was structive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intiately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, nd his earnest applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son f God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's romise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and e reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, nd is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far etter."

His conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, otwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Saviour;—to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to newness of life.'

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imperiously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the commencement of the Summer Term,—which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: $55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $80 per term for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $125 for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of $5 continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals, that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care Taker and Head, who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Providence, 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note.—Summer term of 1864 closes, 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.
Winter term opens, 11th Mo., 2d, 1864.
Summer term opens, 5th Mo., 3d, 1865.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them."

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk

Yearly Meeting sixth month 1864. 7 mo 1864

It is concluded to raise three thousand $3,000.- dollars for the use of this Meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Sandwich Qr Meeting is seven hundred twenty dollars $720.- twenty four per cent.

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk.

itors The Auditors report that they have examined the accot of our Treasurer and found the correct showing a balance of $2 26/100 dollars in his hands.

The Representatives report that a part of their number have confered together and were united in proposing the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, and the reappointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which propositions being united with, he is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for one year or untill another appointment - and our several Mo Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum, and it is concluded to release Nantucket Mo Meeting from contributing to the expenses of the Quarterly Meeting.

Stock

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Nantucket Mo Mtg.

They also recommend that a new apportionment be made among our Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives that may be appointed to attend this Meeting in the 7th month next year take the subject under consideration and report to this Meeting at that

7 Mo 1864 time.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting have been received embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee which has been read, and copies of the same with 500 copies of the printed minutes of that Meeting, are directed to be sent down to our Mo Meetings in the usual proportions.

London Epistle The London printed Epistle for 1863 has been received, the reading of which is defered to a future Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting having been accomplished in love and harmony, we can acknowledge that the Lord has been with us, and under this precious covering we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

10 Mo 1864 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10 Mo 6. 1864.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting, are from
Sandwich Joseph Hoxie, Silas Baker, Arnold Gifford.
Pembroke James West, Samuel Brown,
Nantucket no appointment
Dartmouth Benjn Potter, Prince Allen, Isaac R Gifford
Westport Gidn Gifford, Benjn Davis and Adrian Davis,
who are present.

Our beloved friend Jonathan Dorrell from Meauro Mo Meeting and Saratogo Qr Meeting New York, attended this Meeting with a certificate expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements, His company and religious labors have been accep-table to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

10 M^o 1844
Jon^a Devoll's visit

Our esteemed friend Mary Jane Devoll who accompanies her husband Jon^a Devoll, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Meauro M^o Meety New York, Her company has been acceptable to us. and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Mary J. Devoll

Our beloved friend Martha Meader from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, attended this Meeting, with a certificate from her friends expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagements, Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Martha Meader.

Our esteemed friends Daniel Beede an Elder and Mary Beede who accompany Martha Meader on her present religious visit, attended this Meeting with ~~a~~ satisfactory minutes of concurrence from their friends. Their company has been acceptable to us. and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

Daniel Beede and Mary Beede

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1. 2. and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, having witnessed as we trust a renewed evid-ence of the Masters Love, proposing to meet again in the 12th M^o next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

atts Charles R Tucker Clerk.

12 Mo 1864. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12 Mo 1. 1864.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are from
Sandwich [illegible] Kiley, Allen Kiley, Stephen Dillingham,
Pembroke James West, Nathan [illegible] Shepherd,
Nantucket no appointment,
Dartmouth Abner Potter Jr, Moses Smith, Benjn Potter,
Westport Jos A Gifford, Adrian Davis,
New Bedford, Peter C Slade, Rufus Sherman,
Benjn Anthony and Albert Wood
who are present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers to the 1. 2 and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend William Gifford in
William Gifford's minute a weighty manner informed this Meeting, that he felt it required of him to visit in the love of the gospel friends and others within the limits of Westbury and Purchase Quarterly Meetings N York, as expressed in a certificate granted him by Sandwich Mo Meeting, which concern was fully united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and he was liberated to proceed therein under the guidance of Best Wisdom, he being a minister in whom we have unity. The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate granted him by Sandwich Mo Meeting.

The committee appointed in the 12th Mo last on acct of a difference existing between
Committee on differences a member of New Bedford Mo Meeting and one or more members of another Mo Meeting made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are released from the appointment:

"Report" 12 mo 1864

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to examine into a case of difference between a member of New Bedford Mo Meeting, and a member of Sandwich Mo Meeting report – that they have carefully investigated the questions at issue between the the parties, and were enabled to give such advice in the premises as was acceptable to those concerned and the difference has been satisfactorily adjusted.

On behalf of the committee
New Bedford William Tucker
11 mo 30.1864.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 4th Month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Atts Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of 4 mo 1865
Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 6.1865

By accts received from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are, from

Sandwich Jonathan Boyce, David K Akin
Pinah Holway.
Pembroke Samuel Brown, Calvin Shepherd,
Nantucket Matthew Barney
Dartmouth, Geo Almy, Geo H Francis
Benjamin Potter
Westport, Gideon Gifford, Leonard Macomber,
New Bedford, Rufus Shearman, Henry T Wood
Edw G Dillingham & Peter L Slade,

who are present except one, whose absence is occasioned by illness.

4 m. 1865 The time for which the clerks of this
Meeting were appointed having expired,
the representatives through one of their
number proposed Charles R. Tucker for
[illegible] clerk and Matthew Howland for asst
clerk, which nominations being separately
considered was united with, and they are
appointed to those services respectively for
the ensuing year or untill another
appointment.

We are informed by Sandwich Monthly
Wm Meeting that William Gifford a minister
Gifford and member of that Meeting deceased
2 mo 18. 1865 aged 86 years 10 mo 26 days.

And by New Bedford Mo Meeting that
Ruth Ruth Davis a Minister and Member of
Davis that Meeting deceased 9 mo 2. 1864 aged
86 years 6 mos and 12 days.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglass
attended this Meeting and presented a
N. Douglass Satisfactory Minute from Durham Monthly
visit Meeting, expressive of unity with him
as a Minister and with his present religious
engagements, his company and religious
services have been acceptable to us, and
the clerk is directed to furnish him with
a Minute embracing the substance
of the above.

Qr. Mtg We are informed that all our Mo
Stock Meetings have paid their proportion of
Stock for the use of this Meeting.

Yr Mtg Our Treasurer informs us that he
Stock hasd paid our proportion of Yearly
Meeting Stock.

The queries were read in this Meeting
with answers from all our Monthly
Meetings, a summary of which was

approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, and we appoint our friends David Kitson Wm C Taber, Gideon Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith Geo Wm Francis Matthew Howland and Rufus Shearman to attend that Meetg as our representatives.

The endorsment made by this Meeting in the 12 Mo last to a certificate issued by Sandwich Mo Meeting to our late beloved friend Wm Gifford deceased, has been returned to us, with returning minutes from Chappaqua and Amawalk Monthly Meetings, stating that his company and religious labors had been acceptable to them, and we are informed that our dear friend on his return home, expressed to his Mo Meeting on returning his minute that he had accomplished what seemed required of him much to the peace and quiet of his own mind, all of which is satisfactory to us.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends

We have received from you since our last accts, extracts from the minutes of your last meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee which was read, 4 mo 1865 and copies thereof [illegible] copies of the printed minutes of the same meeting, were directed to be forwarded to our Mo. Meetings.

We are informed that the London general Epistle for 1863 has been received by all our Mo. Meetings and distributed amongst their members; also that a communication issued by our Meeting for Sufferings in the 8 mo. last in relation to the price of board and tuition at our Boarding School at Providence, has been received by them.

The queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Mo. Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you,

and we have appointed our friends David Aiken, Wm C Taber, Calvin Shepard, [illegible] Tucker. [illegible] and [illegible] to attend your Meeting as our representatives.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

Ruth Davis a minister and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 9 mo. 2nd 1864 aged 86 years, 6 mo. and 12 days.

William Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 3 mo. 18. 1865 aged 86 yrs. 10 mo. & 26 days.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 6. 1865

Charles R Tucker Clerk

The committee now under appointment viz. Stephen Dillingham Samuel Brown Wm. Tucker Gideon Gifford Rufus Sherman, Richd Davis, David Kelley, Alvah Holway George Easton and Edwd Gifford are directed to render such assistance as may be found necessary to friends who are in straightened circumstances, that feel concerned to attend the ensuing yearly meeting and they are authorized to draw upon our Treasurer for the expense thus incurred,

The business before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude under a precious feeling of love, and propose to meet again at Falmouth in the seventh Month next, if our Heavenly Father permit.

Atts Charles R Tucker
Clerk

Summary of answers.

1st All our meetings have been held except one very small meeting omitted on account of indisposition and on First days are usually well attended, while midweek meetings and meetings for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed, and with a few exceptions Friends are preserved from sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care is extended in these deficiencies.

2nd Love and Unity appear to be generally maintained and Friends are mostly engaged to guard against detraction. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear

4 mo 1865 3rd Most Friends appear concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation and are in a good degree exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families.

4th The improper use of spiritous liquors avoided except in two cases reported which are under notice. Clear in the other parts of this query except a few instances of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession noticed by one Mo Meeting

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. clear in the other part of this query.

6th With a few exceptions reported by one Mo Meeting Friends appear to take care that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th Our testimony against war is we think maintained by most Friends, while a remissness is apparent in a few and three of our young men are still in the army whose cases are under notice. In the other part of this query generally clear.

8th With very little exception in two cases Friends appear mostly careful in the several parts of this query

9th Our records are attended to. a [illegible] removals without certificates are reported most of which are under notice.

10th Endeavors are used to deal with offenders in the manner generally agreeably and also to place judgment when necessary according to the query.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo 6 1860.

By accts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named to attend this Meeting are as follows - from
Sandwich David K. Akin, Joseph Hoxie.
Prince Gifford.
Pembroke James West, Samuel Brown.
Nantucket - No appointment.
Dartmouth Timo Akin, Abner Potter Jr
Isaac K. Gifford.
New Bedford Wm Gifford, Edw. W. Gillingham
Matthew Howland and Peter L Slade.
Westport. James A. Gifford & Leonard Macomber.
who are present except one.

Our beloved friends Wm Haughton from [illegible] of Raysville Mo Meeting Indiana, Edward W. Dorland and Wm L Taber from Scipio Mo Meeting New York, and Levi Knowles from Farnham Mo Meeting New York, attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements - Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively -

Wm Haughton
Edw W Dorland
Wm L Taber
and
Levi Knowles

Our esteemed friend Seneca Stephens companion to Levi Knowles attended this Meeting with a satisfactory minute from Moreau

Seneca
Stephens

7 mo 1865 Mo Meeting New york, his company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read with answers from all our Mo Meetings to the 1. 2, and 10th.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

The following minute from the clerk of our Yearly Meeting was received and read, by which it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the use of that Meetg for the present year is $750.– c 25 % per Ct. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to David Buffum Treas of the yearly Meeting when the State of our Treasury will admit,

Yr Meetg Stock

Yearly Meeting sixth Month 1865.

It is concluded to raise three thousand for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer, The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is seven hundred and fifty dollars $750.– 25 % per Ct.

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk.

Auditors The Auditors of this Meeting report that they have examined the accts of our Treasurer and found them correct showing a balance in his hands of Fourteen & $\frac{14}{100}$ dollars $14.14 –

The representatives report that they have confered together, and in accordance with the recommendations made last year they have considered the subject of a new apportionment of Stock among our Mo Meetings, and were united in proposing the following changes viz –

Sandwich to pay 16 % per ct.
Pembroke " 2 " "

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1865.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Board- g School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of e School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three ipils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter rm, one hundred and thirty, viz.: eighty-one males and forty-nine males.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Prin- pal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, rincipal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. ing, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey E. Johnson, Teachers in the En- ish Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. hillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. otter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory ogress has been made in the varied departments of literary and sci- tific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House n First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and inter- t; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city n First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and ex- cises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly portment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by ot a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much tisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably ood during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in rt be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year xceeds the amount expended, Thirty-one hundred and twenty-five ollars, ($3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn, n the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of e decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the ates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term s follows:—For members of this Yearly Meeting, $100 per term; or members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents re members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the harge of such, $130 per term; and for any others who may be ad- itted, $160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars r Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. t was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the rice was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the arliest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any efinite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to com- nit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge f the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely hanges as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after fur- her developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

NOTE.—Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.
Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865,
Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.
Summer term for 1866, opens, 5th Mo. 2d.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Nantucket released from contributing 7 mo 1865
Dartmouth to pay 13 % per ct.
Westport " " 4 " "
NewBedford " " 63 " " 2d Meetg stock
100.

And that eight hundred and fifty dollars $850.- be raised for the service of the Qr Meeting for the ensuing year and the reappointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which propositions being united with he is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for one year or untill another appointment, and our Mo Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the above amount.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and regulations respecting the admission of Schollars, 600 Copies of the London printed Epistle for 1864 and 500 Copies of the printed Minutes of that Meeting have been received and sent to our Mo Meetings for distribution among our members. Extracts from Yr Meetg

Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

10 m 1865 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Sandwich 10 M.o 5. 1865

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives then named to attend this Meeting are as follows viz: from
Sandwich Prince Gifford, David Kelley,
Stephen R Wing.
Pembroke James West; Calvin Shepherd.
Nantucket - No appointment.
Dartmouth George Allen, Abner Potter & Ephraim Gifford,
Westport John W. Gifford; Gideon Gifford,
New Bedford Henry T Wood Jon.a Cowin,
Edw.d W. Gillingham and Joseph R. Wing, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Visit of Abigail M Hanson and Martha Austin

Our beloved friends Abigail M Hanson from Seabrook M.o Meeting and Martha Austin from Unity M.o Meeting attended this Meeting and presented certificates from their respective M.o Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Jos Taber Lydia R Taber Tho Folsom

Our esteemed friends Joseph Taber and Lydia R Taber Elders who accompany Martha Austin attended this Meetg and presented certificates of Concurrence from Unity M.o Meeting, and Thomas Folsom who accompanies his sister Abigail M Hanson, also attended this Meeting with a certificate of Concurrence from Seabrook M.o Meeting. Their company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

1865
10 Mo

The Clerk is directed to furnish the before named friends with copies of the above minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all of our Monthly Meetings to the 1. 2 and 10th.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford spread before this Meeting a concern that had rested on his mind for some months, to make a visit in the love of the gospel in the southern part of New York yearly Meeting to appoint some Meetings for friends and others, and to attend to such other religious service as way may open for in the truth, and also to perform some service within the limits of the four Southern Quarters in New England Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a certificate given him by Sandwich Mo Meeting. After a time of solid deliberation, this Meeting feelingly united with him in his prospect, and he was encouraged to proceed therein under the guidance of best wisdom, being a Minister with whom we have unity. The Clerk is directed to endorse the above minute on the certificate granted him by Sandwich Mo Meeting.

Lemuel Gifford.

500 Copies of a reprint of the London Epistle of fifth month last addressed to Friends in North America have been received from our Meeting for Sufferings, and direction given to be forwarded to our Mo Meetings, to be distributed among our members.

London Epistle

Having at this time been favored as we believe with evidences of our Heavenly Fathers love, we conclude purposing to meet again in the 12 mo next at New Bedford if the Lord permit

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

12 Mo 1865 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th Mo 7. 1865.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are, from
Sandwich, Alva Holway, David Kelley, Stephen
Dillingham.
Pembroke, James West, Calvin Stephens.
Nantucket Matthew Barney
Dartmouth George Almy, William Tucker
Paul Fisher.
Westport, Nathaniel Gifford, Benj^a Davis.
New Bedford, Ezra Kelley, Gideon Wood
Rufus Shearman & Josiah Holmes Jr.
who are present except one whose absence we are informed is occasioned by illness.

Thomas B. Nichols visit

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols attended this Meeting, and presented a certificate from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements. His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

The queries with answers to the 1. 2. and 10th from all our Mo Meetings have been read at this time.

Wm H Potter.

Our beloved friend Wm H. Potter attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Elba Mo Meeting State of New York — informing us that he is a minister in unity, and proposes to sojourn for a few months within the limits of Sandwich Qr Meeting. His company is acceptable to us.

12 m° Nantucket Monthly Meeting having 12 m° 1865
in their account requested the advice
and aid of this Meeting in a case which
they have under consideration, we appoint
Wm G Fisher, Chs R Tucker, David K Akin Nantucket
and Wm Tucker to confer with that Mtg M° Mtg.
upon the subject which they have under
consideration, and render them such advice
as the case may seem to require, and
report to a future Meeting.

The business before this Meeting
being accomplished, we conclude
proposing to meet again at this place
in the fourth month next if the Lord
permit ~

atts Charles R Tucker Clerk

1866 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of
4 m° friends held at New Bedford 4 m° 5, 1866

By accounts received from all our
M° Meetings, the Representatives therein named
to attend this Meeting are as follows viz
from Sandwich, Silas Baker, Stephen K Wing,
Arnold Gifford
Pembroke - James West, Calvin Shepherd.
Nantucket - No appointment
Dartmouth - Geo. Almy, Paul Fisher, Moses Smith,
Westport Pardon Davis, Nathl Gifford.
New Bedford - Joseph Grinnell, Rufus Shearman,
Jona Cowing and Richd Davis.
who are present.

The time for which the clerks of this Meeting
were appointed having expired, the Representatives
through one of their number, proposed Chas Clerks
R Tucker for Clerk and Matthew Howland
for assistant, which propositions were united
with, and they are appointed to those services
for one year, or untill another appointment.

4 mo 1866 The queries have been read with answers
from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary
of which was approved, and directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting,
and have appointed our friends Joseph Grinnell,
William C. Taber, Rufus Shearman, Geo Almy,
David Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Lowell Davis,
David K. Akin, Stephen Dillingham, Isaac R.
Gifford and Gideon Gifford our Representatives
to that Meeting.

Stock All our Monthly Meetings report that they
have paid or directed to be paid their propor-
-tion of Stock for the use of this Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid
Yearly our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the
Stock Treasurer of that Meeting.

We are informed by Sandwich Mo Meeting
Huldah that Huldah Gifford a Minister and member
Gifford of that Meeting deceased 12 mo 12. 1865. aged
84 years 4 months 28 days.

And by Dartmouth Mo Meeting that Anne
Anne E. E. Almy an Elder and member of that Meeting
Almy deceased 1 mo 31. 1866 Aged 66 years 3 mos [illegible] days.

We appoint Stephen Dillingham, Samuel
Brown, Wm Tucker, Gideon Gifford, Rufus
Shearman, Richd Davis, David Kelley, Abrah
To assist Holway, George Easton and Ephm Gifford to
friends render such assistance as may be found
necessary to assist friends who are in straight-
-ened Circumstances, that are concerned to
attend our Next Yearly Meeting, and to
draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting
for the expense thus incurred.

A testimony of New Bedford Monthly
Testimony Meeting concerning our beloved friend Ruth Davis
of Ruth Davis deceased, was read in this and the Womens Meeting
and being approved, the Clerk was directed
to forward it to our Meeting for Sufferings.

4 Mo: 1865

It appears that there has been contributed in our several Mo. Meetings the past year for the relief of the Freedpeople in Goods $1,335.63 in Cash $3,349.98 total amo. $4,685.61 which the Clerk is directed to insert in our account to the Yearly Meeting.

Freed-People)

Summary Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on first days by most of our members. Midweek meetings and Meetings for Discipline are more neglected by some; the hour nearly observed; a few instances of sleep; no other unbecoming behavior noticed, some care extended.

2nd. Love and unity generally maintained, detraction guarded against with a little exception in one particular meeting. No differences that we know of. some care taken.

3d Most friends are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and are exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families

4th. Spirituous liquors are confined to medicinal purposes with one exception. A few instances noticed in one Mo. Meeting of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, clear in the other parts of this query.

6th. Friends appear to be careful with respect to marriage, two or three instances of marrying out, are under notice.

7th. Our testimony against the payment of Priests wages appears to be maintained. clear in the other

4 mo 1844 parts of this query

8th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query

9th Our records are attended to. a few removals without Certificates, which are under notice.

10th Endeavors we believe are used to deal with offenders as queried, and also to place judgement according to the discipline.

Testimony concerning Ruth Davis

A Testimony from New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning Ruth Davis deceased.

The memory of the just is blessed, and it is in our hearts to prepare a brief testimony, concerning our late beloved and valued friend Ruth Davis, who was for more than sixty years a member and recorded minister of this Monthly Meeting.

She was the daughter of Samson and Ruth Sherman, and was born at Portsmouth R.I. on the 20th of 2d mo. 1778. In very early life, she was made sensible of the necessity of submission to the regenerating power of Divine grace, and was convinced thereby that a birthright membership in the Society of Friends, or a mere name to religion, would avail nothing in the great work of the soul's salvation. And altho' her outward life even in childhood and early youth was very circumspect; yet was she truly humbled in spirit before the Lord, with earnest prayer unto him for preservation. Thus seeking the God of her father's, it was her blessed expectation to find him, and to enter into a covenant to serve Him with a perfect heart, and a willing mind.

After many baptisms & conflicts of Spirit, she first appeared as a minister in the seventeenth year of her age, and altho' her health was at that time, and through a long course of years very delicate she evinced her love to her Father in Heaven, and to her friends and fellow-pilgrims on earth, by a diligent attendance of our religious meetings whenever ability permitted. She was not required to travel much abroad, yet within the limits of her own Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, she was frequently engaged in the service of her Divine Master. In her journal she records the attendance of many funerals and religious visits to the families of Friends of which services on one occasion she thus writes "The prospect before me has indeed brought a weight over my spirit, and it appears arduous, that of visiting the families of the particular meeting to which I belong, may I keep very near to my One Guide, having the eye directed singly unto Him, then He will enable me to find what I have to do, and what to leave undone and Oh! that the little may be blessed."

In the exercise of her gift, she was weighty in spirit, clear in doctrine, concise in expression, and watchful that her ministry should be under the influence and circumscribing power of the true anointing. Her friends have also cause to remember the steadfastness of her faith, and the charity which clothed her spirit, while meekly instructing those who opposed themselves during the several separations in our Society which it was her lot to witness. In this also leaving a good example for those who remain.

In the year 1803 she was married to Obadiah Davis, and by his death in 1833, she became a sorrowing widow. Yet though thus bereaved she was not left desolate, but found the blessed promises verified in her experience, and as she advanced in life was enabled to testify, That he who had ~~been~~ been her morning light had become her evening song.

The last entry in her journal is as follows, clearly evincing by her own expressions, to which might be added the testimony of friends who visited her very near the close, the loving and resigned spirit in which she received the summons to depart "7th mo. 11th 1863. How near and dear my relations and friends are to me. I love them in the Truth. How sweet the Truth is.

I humbly crave to abide in faith and patience, I think I can adopt the language of the inspired apostle. "The life which I now live in the flesh. I live by the faith of the son of God""

Thus living waiting & watching, when the messenger came she was found ready, and joyfully entered upon her Heavenly inheritance on the Second day of the ninth month 1864. aged 86 years. a recorded minister 63 years

Signed on behalf of New Bedford monthly Meeting held 3 mo 22d 1866

Mathew Howland Clerk for the day

Sarah H Rotch Clerk for the day

4 mo 1866 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 5th 1866. A testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Ruth Davis was read in this meeting and being approved, was directed to be forwarded to our Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles R Tucker }
Dorcas F Tucker } Clerks

The following account to the yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear Friends

We have recd since our last Accounts, extracts from the minutes of our last Meeting embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee which was read and copies thereof forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

600 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1865 — 500 Copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Minutes, and 500 copies of a reprint of the London Epistle of fifth month last, addressed to friends in North America have been received, and forwarded to our Mo Meetings for distribution among their members.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from our Mo Meetings a summary of which was approved, and directed to be forwarded to you by our representatives to which service we appoint, Jas Grinnell, Wm C Taber R Shearman, Geo Allen, David Davis, Caleb Hufford, Nehemiah Hoxie, David K Akin, Stephen Dillingham Isaac L Gifford, Gideon Gifford.

Huldah Gifford, a minister and member of Sandwich Mo Meeting deceased 12 m 12. 1865 Aged 84 yrs 4 mos 28 ds.

Anna E Almy, a member and Elder of Dartmouth Mo Meeting deceased 1 mo 31. 1866 aged 46 years 3 months and 18 days

Our proportion of Stock, called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer.

We are informed that our several Mo. Meetings have contributed the past year for the relief of the Freed people $3.349.98 in money and $1.335.63 in Clothing. total Amt $4.685.61.

attest Charles R Tucker Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held 7 mo 5. 1866. 7 mo 1866

By Reports received from all our Mo Meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are as follows, viz,

From Sandwich, David Kelley, Stephen
Dillingham, Newell Hoxie,
" Pembroke James West, Calvin Shepherd,
" Nantucket, no appointment,
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Ephm Gifford,
Abner Potter Jr.
" Westport, Adrian Davis, Gideon Gifford
" New Bedford Wm. A Howland, Andw G Tripp
Josiah Holmes Jr & Richd Davis,
who are present.

We have at this Meeting the company of our beloved friends John L Eddy, from Kingston Mo Meeting, Canada West, David H Bennett from Butternuts Mo Meeting N.Y. Eli Jessup from Spring Creek Mo Meeting Iowa, and Deborah C Thomas from Baltimore Mo Meeting, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings were read, expression of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, their ~~religious~~ company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish

visit of John L Eddy, David H Bennett, Eli Jessup and Deborah C Thomas

7 mo 1866 them with copies of this minute so far
as it relates to each respectively, and sign
them on our behalf.

Our beloved Friends Mary Eddy who
Mary accompanies her husband John L Eddy, and
Eddy Mary B Jessup in company with her
and husband Eli Jessup, attended this meeting
Mary B with satisfactory minutes from their Friends.
Jessup. Their company has been acceptable to
us.

The queries have been read in this
meeting with answers from all our Mo
Meetings to the 1. 2 and 10th

Our Representatives to the yearly
Meeting report they all attended.

The following minute from our
Yr Meetg last Yearly Meeting was received and
Stock. read, by which it appears that our pro-
portion of stock for the use of that meet-
ing the present year is $750. 25 perct.
which our treasurer is directed to pay
to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.
when the state of our treasury will ad-
mit.

Auditors Our auditors report that they have
Reprt. examined the accounts of our treasurer.
which were correct, showing a balance in
his hands of $\$49\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars.

Wm P Howland on behalf of the
Representatives informed the meeting
Qr Meetg that they had conferred together, and
Stock had united in proposing that $800.
and Treasurer be raised for the use of the Qr Meeting
the current year, and the reappoint-
ment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer.
Which propositions were united with. and
Matthew Howland is appointed Treas-

YEARLY MEETING,

SIXTH MONTH, 1866.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,—The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz.: sixty-seven males and forty-three females; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty-four, viz.: ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amey E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the schools. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R. I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: 'We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report from the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain.'

By the report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the prices of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: 'For members of our Yearly Meeting, $65 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $100 per term, and for any others who many be admitted, $150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.'

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration. This arrangement continues the school in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practicable, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the school at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26h of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty-two weeks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the re-opening after the recess, viz.: For members of our Yearly Meeting, $96; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $150; and for any others who may be admitted, $240. An additional charge of $10 for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund,' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation,' should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 8th, 1866."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

urer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to pay to him their respective proportion of this sum.

Extracts have been received from our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School, and regulations respecting the admission of scholars, and 600 copies of the London general Epistle for 1865, with 500 copies of the printed minutes of that meeting have been received and direction given for the same to be sent down to our Mo. Meetings for distribution among our members. Yr Mety Extracts

Our beloved friend Saml Gifford returned at this time our endorsement made in the 10th mo. last to a certificate granted him by Sandwich Mo. Meeting for religious services as expressed therein. He informed friends that he had been mercifully favored to perform the service which he felt required of him, to the peace and quiet of his own mind, and he presented returning minutes from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and from the Quarterly Meetings of Westbury, Nine Partners, Stamford and Cornwall in New York Yearly Meeting, also from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in New England, and from the Mo. Meetings Chappaqua and Purchase N.Y. all of which is satisfactory to this meeting. Saml Gifford Returns Minute

Yearly Meeting, Sixth month 1866.

It is concluded to raise three thousand dollars ($3000) for the use of this Meeting

7 mo 1864 the current year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to David Buffum, our Treasurer. The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) twenty five per ct.

From the minutes of the Mtg,
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk,

Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings

The Meeting at this time being drawn ~~into~~ deeply to sympathise with some of our subordinate Meetings, whose numbers have been much reduced by death, and by removals, after a time of deliberate consideration, we were united in appointing the following friends viz, Chs R Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Wm C Taber, Josiah Holmes Jr, Calvin Shepherd, David K Akin, Daniel Swift, Saml Gifford, Henry [illegible] Wm [illegible] Benja Anthony, Tresbury Wing, Isaac H Gifford, Wm P Howland, Abner Potter Jr and Matthew Howland to unite with a similar committee of women friends in extending such care advice and assistance to our subordinate meetings as way may open for it in the truth, and said committee are at liberty [illegible] of such meetings when in attendance thereof as may be visited by them, and they are requested [illegible] to report to this meeting.

London Epistle

It was directed that the London general Epistle for 1865, be read in joint meeting with our women friends.

Our business being accomplished, and having been owned, as we trust, by the Dear Master, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich, in the 10th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Chas R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10 mo 4 1866. 10 mo 1866

By accounts received from all our Mo. Meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are, from Sandwich. Jos. Wing. Silas Baker. Jos A Swift.
Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd & James West.
Dartmouth - Geo. Almy. Saml Fisher & A. Potter Jr.
Nantucket - Matthew Barney.
Westport - Gideon Gifford & Nathl. Gifford.
New Bedford Jos. Grinnell. Josiah Holmes Jr Edw G Dillingham and Jos. R Wing. who were present.

Visit of Martha Austin

Our beloved friend Martha Austin from Unity Mo. Meeting, attended this meeting and presented a certificate expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this Minute.

Jos. Taber
Lydia R. Taber

Our beloved friends Joseph Taber and his wife Lydia R. Taber. Elders, who accompany our friend Martha Austin attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Unity Mo. Meeting, their company has been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

Nantucket

The committee appointed in the 12 mo last to advise with friends of Nantucket Mo Meeting, Report. They have attended to the appointment and rendered such advice as the case seemed to require and they are relieved from further care.

Queries

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our Mo Meetings to the first second, & tenth.

The following communications being received from Nantucket Mo Meeting. which after being read and considered we were united in

10 m 1866
Committee on the request of Nantucket M° Meetg

appointing Wm C Taber, David K Aikin, Rufus Shearman, Newell Hoxie & Chs R Tucker to unite with a similar committee of women friends, and take under consideration the situation of that M° Meeting, and advise with friends composing it, and report their judgement in the case to a future Quarterly meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Sandwich.

Dear friends

Nantucket M° Meetg

This meeting has for sometime past felt the necessity of calling the attention of the Quarterly Meeting to its condition. Our numbers have steadily and to a great extent decreased, considerably by removal and to a large extent by death taking from our midst very many of those who were active & worthy members of society reducing our body to a few who are mostly all past the middle age of life and some are very far advanced in years causing the burden of continuing the organization of the Monthly Meeting to fall upon those who from age and infirmities are scarcely able to attend to the duties that necessarily come upon them. Our meetings are very small even when the most of those that are considered members are present. In our isolated condition we can seldom have the social sympathy and presence of friends from other meetings being so peculiarly situated such are rare.

In view of these circumstances we believe the time has come when we cannot consistently and profitably much longer sustain a Monthly Meeting ourselves, which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting. Signed on behalf of Nantucket M° Mtg of men & women friends held jointly by adjournment 9 mo 27 & 10 mo 1. 1866. Matthew Barney Clerk.

Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford if our Heavenly Father permit. 10 mo 1866

atts Charles R Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo. 6. 1866. 12 mo 1866

By accts received from all our Mo Meetings the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are, from Sandwich Newell Hoxie, Stephen Dillingham, Silas Baker, Pembroke James [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Nantucket, Matthew Barney Dartmouth Ephraim Gifford George Almy, [illegible] Allen, Westport Pardon Davis, Abram Davis, New Bedford, Jo[illegible] [illegible], E G [illegible], E C Dillingham and Wm H Howland, who are present except one, whose absence is occasioned by illness.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second and tenth

Our beloved friend David H Bennett from Butternutts Mo Meeting New York, who attended this Quarterly Meeting in 7mo last is again acceptably with us. David H Bennett

This Meeting concurs with our womens meeting in uniting with Sandwich Mo Meeting in approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Charity G Dillingham and Lois B Gifford and the clerk is directed to convey this information to our yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Charity G Dillingham and Lois B Gifford Approved

The joint committee appointed in the 10th mo last on the application of Nantucket Mo Meeting made the following report which being read is accepted and its recommendations adopted, and the monthly meeting is accordingly dissolved and the members they

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Nantucket
Mo Mtg
Discontinued

annexed to New Bedford Mo. Meeting. The clerk is directed to forward to each monthly meeting a copy of this minute with the report of this committee and this committee are continued in order to extend such care in the case as circumstances may seem to require and report to this meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting

Report
of
Committee

The committee appointed on the application made by Nantucket Monthly Meeting at our meeting in the 10th mo last have had the subject under their care and after deliberate consideration and inquiry into the situation of that meeting in a view of its weakness from the great reduction in the number of its members and the age and infirmity of most of those who remain on the Island have come to the conclusion to recommend that it be discontinued and that a meeting for worship only be held at that place. It appearing to be their desire we would propose that their members be annexed to New Bedford Monthly with which the select members of that meeting were united many years since.

The committee would also recommend that the property now belonging to Nantucket Monthly Meeting be transferred to New Bedford Mo Meeting with the understanding that it be applied to the sole use & support of the meeting at Nantucket and its members and that whatsoever expense shall be incurred for the members of that meeting beyond the funds now belonging to them be borne by the Quarterly Meeting.

We deem it advisable that the Quarterly Meeting continue its care by a committee to aid in the transfer and to see that the

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books and papers of the meeting be placed in the custody of New Bedford Mo Meeting and to which that meeting may apply for advise in case anything should occur to make such application necessary

New Bedford
12 mo 6 1866

Wm C Taber
David K Aiken
Newell Hoxie
Rufus Freeman
Chas R Tucker
Charity G Dillingham
Mercy K Wing
Rachel S Howland
Lydia Congdon

Freedmen

The committee under appointment by our Yearly Meeting having in charge the concern of that meeting in relation to the mission at Washington for the aid, relief and Education of the freed people presented to this meeting a minute and detailed report which gave very satisfactory evidence that the efforts made by friends have been a blessing to that destitute people, and a member of the committee present gave further verbal accts which were interesting to us, and friends were encouraged to renewed exertions for their benefit who have now entered upon this new sphere of life - the present time being truly their time of need.

Address on Peace

We have received 500 Copies of an address on peace issued by the Committee of friends from the several Yearly Meetings on this continent who convened in Baltimore in the 11 mo, and direction was given for them to be forwarded to our several Mo Meetings for distribution

12 m 1866 Our business being accomplished, and under as we trust a precious covering of our Heavenly Fathers love we conclude proposing to meet again at this place in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit.

attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk.

4 mo 1867 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford, 4mo 4th 1867.

By reports received from all our Mo. Meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are as follows. viz. from Sandwich, Silas Baker, Daniel Davis, and Arnold Gifford. Dartmouth, George Almy, Robert P Gifford and Abner Potter Jr. Westport. James A Gifford. Caleb Macomber, New Bedford, Rufus Sherman, John Wood Edw. G Dillingham and Robt Earle, whose names being called were all present.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired the Representatives through one of their number proposed Chas R Tucker for Clerk and Matt. Howland for assistant which being united with they are appointed to those services for one year or until another appointment

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from all our Mo. Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting, and we appoint our friends Geo Howland Jr. Rufus Sherman Wm C Taber, David Kelley. George Almy, Nathaniel Gifford, Nathan T Shepherd. Arnold Gifford. Isaac R Gifford. Daniel Davis and Jos. Grinnell our Representatives to that meeting

We are informed that all our Monthly
Meetings have paid or directed to be paid — Qr Mty
their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer. — Stock

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock — Yr Mty
has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting — Stock

We are informed by New Bedford
Monthly Meeting that John R Davis a minister
and member of that meeting deceased 7m — John R Davis
27. 1866 aged 90 yrs. 10m 18ds. and by
Pembroke Mo Meeting that Mary Shepherd — Mary Shepherd
an Elder and member of that meeting
Deceased 1m 22. 1867 aged 78yrs. 7m 22ds

The subject of a revision of our — Revision
discipline was referred to us in the acct — of Discipline
from New Bedford Mo Meeting and after
a time of deliberation it was concluded
to refer the consideration of the same to
the Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Mary Eliott
attended this Meeting and presented a — Mary
Certificate from Goshen Mo Meeting, Ohio — Eliott
endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting,
expressive of unity with her as a minister
and with her present religious engagements.
Her company and religious labors have
acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mary Wood
attended this meeting as companion to our — Mary
friend Mary Elliott with a minute of — Wood
concurrence from Gilead Mo Meeting Ohio
Her company has been acceptable to friends,
and the Clerk is directed to unite with
the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing
them with copies of the above minutes
so far as they relate to each respectively
and sign them on our behalf

We have at this time the acceptable
company of a number of ministering

4 mo 1867 and other friends, from other of our Quarterly Meetings

Friends mission at Washington — We are informed that our Mo Meetings in accordance with the call from our last Yearly Meeting have forwarded to Chas F Coffin Treasr for the use of Friends Mission at Washington $1.083 $\frac{82}{100}$

Rufus Sherman, Chas. R Tucker Wm Tucker; Matthew Barney. David Kelley Calvin Shepherd, Matthew Howland & Gideon Gifford are appointed to assist friends in streightened circumstances who are concerned to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting and to draw upon our Treasurer for the expense thus incurred

The following account to our next Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the clerk was directed to sign and forward it

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends
Acct to Yr Mtg — next to be held on Rhode Island for New England
Dear Friends

We have received extracts from your last Meeting, embracing the report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School, with 600 copies of the London printed Epistle of 1865 and 500 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which were acceptable to us, and they have been forwarded to our Mo Meetings for distribution.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends Geo Howland Jr, Rufus Sherman, Wm C Taber. David Kelley. George Almy, Nathaniel Gifford Nathan T Shepherd Arnold Gifford, Isaac R

Gifford, Daniel Davis and Joseph Grinnell our representatives to the Yearly Meeting

Our proportion of stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer

We have united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Charity G Dillingham and Lois B Gifford.

John R Davis a minister and member of New Bedford Mo Meeting deceased 7mo 27. 1866 aged 90 years. 10 mos & 18 days

Mary Shepherd an Elder & member of Pembroke Mo Meeting deceased 1m 22. 1867 aged 78 years 7 mos & 22 days

Agreeable to the call made by our last Yearly Meeting our several Mo Meetings have collected and forwarded to Chas F. Coffin Treasr. Ten hundred & eighty three 82/100 dollars ($1083.82) in aid of Friends Mission at Washington.

The subject of revising our discipline being introduced to this meeting, we were united in refering the subject to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed C. R. Tucker Clerk

Summary Answers to Queries

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended except two, occasioned by the impassable state of the roads. on first days by most of our members, those held in the middle of the week and for discipline are neglected by quite a number, the hour pretty well observed. a few not wholly preserved from sleeping. some care extended

2'd We believe love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against,

with slight exceptions in two Mo Meetings
No differences to our knowledge.

3'd Most friends we belive indeavor to bring up those under their care as queried, and to be exemplary herein themselves, while a few are not so careful in this respect. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families.

4th Spiritous liquors are confined to medicinal purposes. The attendance of places inconsistent with our religious professions not wholy avoided by a few.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, Careful in the other parts of this query.

6th With a few exceptions, friends appear to be careful in the observance of this query.

7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th Friends appear careful with few exceptions

9th Our records are attended to, a few removals without Certificates most of which are under notice.

10th Friends we believe endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after and to place judgement according to discipline.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, having we trust at this time experienced renewed evidences of our Heavenly Fathers love, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the 7th mo next if the Lord permit.

Attest Charles R Tucker, }
Clerk }

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 4 1867 7m 1867

By the Reports received from Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends are under appointment to attend this meeting as Representatives. viz;

From Sandwich, Preston Wing. David K Aiken. Stephen Dillingham
" Pembroke, James West. Nath'l G. Shepherd
" Falmouth. Chs Slocum Anna Allen
Isaac R Gifford
" Westport Gideon Gifford, Lemuel Macomber,
" New Bedford, Lyman Sherman, Benj Anthony. Wm C Taber, & Edw. W Howland

whose names being called they were all present except one whose absence is occasioned by illness in his family

Visit of
Dan'l McPherson
E Griffith
H G Fry
A B Kelley,
S F Smiley,
L A Macomber

We have in the attendance of this meeting our beloved friends Daniel McPherson from Gilead Mo Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, Edith Griffith from Salem Mo Meeting Ohio, Hannah G Fry from Marlborough Mo Meeting, New York, Abigail B Kelley from Greenwich Mo Meeting Ohio, Sarah F Smiley from Cedar Creek Mo Meeting Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Lydia A Macomber from Farmington Mo Meeting New York. They presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing them with copies of the above minute, so far as it relates to each respectively

7mo 1867 Our beloved friends Amos Griffith
an Elder who accompanies his wife Edith
A Griffith Griffith. Hannah C. Johnson companion
H C Johnson to Hannah S. Fry, and Margaret H.
M H White White an Elder companion to Sarah F.
Smiley attended this meeting.
They presented satisfactory minutes and
testimonials from their friends. Their com-
pany has been acceptable to us and the
clerk is directed to furnish them with
copies of the above minutes so far as
it relates to each respectively.

The Representatives to the Yearly
Meeting, Report they all attended it.

The Queries have been read, with answers
from all our Mo Meetings to the 1. 2. & 10th.

Auditors The Auditors report that they have
examined the accounts of the Treasurer
of this meeting and found them correct
showing a balance of twenty 54/100 dollars
in his hands.

By a copy of a minute ~~from~~
received from our last Yearly Meeting
Yr Meety we are informed that our proportion
Stock of stock for that Meeting the present year
is $750. 25 ct. which our Treasurer
is directed to pay to David Buffum
Treasr of the Yearly Meeting, when he
may be in funds for that purpose.

Yearly Meeting First month 1867
It is concluded to raise ($3.000)
Three Thousand dollars for the use of this
Meeting the current Year; which the Quar-
terly Meetings are requested to pay to
David Buffum our Treasurer.

The epistle of Sandwich Mo Meet-

YEARLY MEETING

6TH MONTH, 1867.

THE YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends: The Committee in charge of the Boarding School ort, that during the Summer Term of 1866, there were in attend- ce 136 pupils, viz: 88 males and 48 females. In the Autumn half rm, 178, viz: 102 males and 76 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Prin- al; Alfred H. Smiley, Assistant Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, incipal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Sarah F. Coffin, d Mary A. Cornell, teachers of English branches; William B. illips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languges; Elijah Cook, cher of Mathematics; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. rah A. Taber and Alice R. Wing, have also been employed as chers of English branches during a portion of the past year. Under s organization, which it will be observed is nearly the same as for eral years past, the affairs of the School have been carefully and isfactorily conducted.

During the fore part of the year the arrangements for religious eetings were the same as last year, but the committee believing that e pupils were overtaxed on First days have discontinued the morning eeting at the school, except during inclement weather, and have lowed them to attend the morning meeting as well as the week day eeting in the city. First day afternoons and evenings are devoted to ible instruction and reading, and the result has, we think, been satis- ctory to all concerned.

For some time past the Committee in charge of the School, as well those more immediately connected therewith, have felt that the pres- nt accommodations for pupils are not adequate to promote their health nd comfort. Two wants have especially claimed their attention:— st, that of separate dormitories for the girls instead of the present an of placing them all in two rooms; 2d, a large Hall or collecting om to be used, under the direction of the committee, for Religious leetings, Lectures, Public Examinations, Meetings of the Alumni, or her purposes. The largest room in the present building is quite too nited to meet the wants of the School, not being commodious enough allow of inviting the parents of pupils to be present at the exercises nnected with the graduating class.

Accordingly, with the approbation of the Meeting for Sufferings, the ommittee have begun the erection of a three story building 126 feet ng, with an average width of 45 feet. The first floor contains a Hall pable of seating 400 persons, and adjoining it is a Library and Read- g Room, fitted up with alcoves for the reception of books and cases r minerals and other Natural History collections. This room is con- ected with the Hall by sliding doors, and will enlarge its capacity so at six or seven hundred persons can be comfortably seated. The cond and third stories are devoted to girls' dormitories. There are 9 rooms, ranging in size from 9 by 15 feet to 15 feet square, fitted for e reception of two pupils each. Each room is supplied with a large oset and separate means of ventilation. There are also large store osets for bedding, &c. in each of the upper stories, and proper wash- g apparatus supplied by tanks under the roof. In the basement are oms for three hot air furnaces, a coal room, a large reservoir cistern be used in case of fire, and a spacious and convenient cellar. In nsequence of the transfer of the minerals and the philosophical and hemical apparatus to the new library and apparatus rooms, and the moval of about fifty-six girls to the new dormitories, much room will e vacated in the present building. It is proposed to devote a part of is space on the south side of the building to increasing the limited ccommodations for the sick. The present nurseries are on the north de of the house, exposed to the noise of the boys' play-ground, and re only suitable to receive patients slightly indisposed. It is very desirable that pupils affected with contagious diseases, or seriously ill from any other cause, should be provided with quiet, well ventilated and sunny rooms, where they can receive careful attention from nurses specially devoted to them. It is proposed to divide off another portion of the room into separate dormitories for the girls, corresponding with those in the new building, and to appropriate the remaining space to increasing the somewhat limited sleeping accommodations of the boys, and to other purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready to be occupied at the opening of the year 1868.

The whole cost, including furnishing, grading grounds, making the required changes in the present building, and all other necessary expenses will be about $42,000. Through the efforts of the Alumni Association, upwards of $10,000 have been very generously contributed by the friends of the School, for the erection of this building. There is also on hand a balance to the credit of the School of about $12,000. It will therefore be necessary to incur a debt of about $20,000, in order to carry out the proposed plans. The financial condition of the school is such as to warrant the belief that the debt can be liquidated in a few years.

By the Report of the Auditing Committee it appears that the income of the School during the present year (ending 6th month 26th, 1867,) will exceed the current expenditure by about $3,000.

The charges for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows, one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one half at the opening after the recess, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$150.
For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars that are sent at the charge of such,	$190.
For any others that may be admitted,	$300.

An additional charge of $10 is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year *only* when application is made therefor at the time of entering.

The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made, primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantages.

Applications for admission into the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 16th of seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or of the "Jacob Metcalf donation," should apply at the time specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission, should be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal of Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I

The School Year opens 9th month 4th, 1867.
Recess of two weeks begins 1st month 20th, 1868.
Second half year begins 2d month 3d, 1868.

On behalf of the Committee,
WM. A. ROBINSON,
Clerk for the da

(From the Minutes of the Meeting.)

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

ing is Seven hundred fifty dollars ($750) being 25 %. 7 mo. 1867

From the minutes of the Meeting
Chas. R Tucker
Asst. Clerk

Stephen Dillingham on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and had united in proposing that $800 be raised for the service of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year, and the reappointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which propositions were united with and, Matthew Howland is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for one year or until another appointment; and our several Mo. Meetings are directed to pay to him their respective proportions of that sum

Qr. Mtg. Stock

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meetings have been received embracing the report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School, which includes regulations for children about to enter. By said report the Institution appears to be in a good measure carrying out the object for which it was established.

Extracts from Yr. Mtg.

500 Copies of the London printed Epistle for 1866, also 500 copies of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting have been received and direction given for these documents to be sent to our Mo. Meetings for distribution among our members.

The joint committee appointed in the 7th mo last year to visit our small meetings as expressed in the minute of their appointment made the following

7 mo 1867 report which was acceptable to the meeting and the following friends are now appointed to that service viz: Edward G. Dillingham; Wm C Taber, Newell Hoxie, Lemuel Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr, Isaac R Gifford, Daniel Swift Stephen Dillingham, Charles R Tucker, David K Aiken, Rufus Sherman, Benjamin Anthony, Henry T. Wood, Moses Smith, David Kelley Calvin Shepherd, Matthew Howland and Presbury Wing, to unite with a similar committee of women friends. And they are desired to carefully take under consideration the concern as it was first introduced to this meeting and labor for its best welfare as truth may open the way, and report to a future meeting

2nd Visitg Committee

Report

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the 7th month of last year to visit the smaller meetings belonging to this Quarter report that they have as way has opened for it given attention to the service committed to them and can acknowledge that they have felt a good degree of satisfaction and encouragement from the visits performed.

An impression still rests with them that usefulness would result from further effort in the same direction and they would therefore commend the concern as originally presented to the meeting to its continued care.

On behalf and by direction of the committee

Isaac R. Gifford.
Rhoda H. Taber

West Falmouth
7 mo 4 1867

7 mo 1867

The subject of a new appointment of stock being introduced by Dartmouth Mo Meeting, we refer the subject to the Representatives now in attendance for their consideration and they are directed to report to this meeting in the 10 mo next

New appointment of Stock

The business brought before us having been transacted in love and unity, we conclude, purposing to meet again in the 11th mo next at Sandwich if permitted so to do by our Heavenly Father.

attest Charles R Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo 15 1867

By reports received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends are under appointment to attend this Meeting, viz

From Sandwich, David Hoxie, David Kelley, Barnabas Bowman

From Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd Jas. Test.

" Dartmouth, Isaac R Gifford Moses Smith, Otis Slocum

" Westport, Wm P. Macomber, Gideon Gifford,

" New Bedford, Rufus Sherman, Wm C. Taber, Edward W Dillingham, and Joseph Grinnell, whose names being called were present except one, whose absence was occasioned by illness,

We have in the attendance of this meeting our beloved friends David Tatum and his wife Hannah B Tatum from Uxbridge Mo Meeting,

10 mo 1867 and Nathan Douglass from Durham
1 Mo Meeting. Their company and re-
C Tatum ligious services have been accepta-
and ble to us, and the clerk is directed
Wm to furnish them with copies of this
minute so far as it relates to
each respectively

The queries have been read with
answers from each of our Meetings
to the 1st 2nd and 11th

The Representatives to our last
Quarterly Meeting to whom was re-
ferred the subject of a new appor-
tionment of Stock amongst our
Mo Meetings, not being prepared to
report at this time, they are con-
tinued in the appointment to
report in the 12 mo next.

The business of this meeting
being accomplished, we conclude,
proposing to meet at New Bedford
in the 12 mo next if the Lord permit

attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at
New Bedford 12 mo. 5. 1864.

By reports received from all our
Monthly Meetings, it appears the follow-
ing named friends, are appointed to
attend this meeting, viz

From Sandwich Preston King David
Kelley & Daniel Swift
" Pembroke James West. Nathan S Shepherd
" Dartmouth Otis Slocum William
Tucker and George Almy
" Westport James H Gifford Nathl Gifford

From New Bedford Edw. G. Tillingham 12 mo 1867
Abm. Barker. Edw. Gardner & J Holmes Jr
who were present

The queries have been read with answers from each of our Mo. Meetings to the 1st 2d and 10th.

Sandwich Mo Meeting having requested that their Mo Meeting now held in the 4th and 12th mos on the second day of the week be held in future on 6th day the week previous which is united with by this and the Womens meeting and the Clerk is directed to give Sandwich Mo Meeting a copy of this minute

Sandwich Mo Mtg time changed

Wm C Taber on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had agreed to propose the following new apportionment of Stock among our Monthly Meetings. viz

Apportionment of Stock

Sandwich Mo Meeting	13 part	
Pembroke	"	2 "
Dartmouth	"	13 "
Westport	"	4 "
New Bedford	"	68 "

which is united with and the clerk is directed to inform our Monthly Meetings of the change now adopted

Our business has been accomplished and having we trust enjoyed a season of love and been refreshed together, we separate proposing to meet at this place in the 4th mo next if permitted by our Heavenly Father so to do.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

17 ri 1868. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 2
1868.

By accounts received from all our Mo Meetings, the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting, are as follows viz.

From Sandwich, Silas Baker, Stephen Dillingham,
Presbury Wing,
Pembroke " Calvin Shepherd, Nathan T Shepherd,
Dartmouth " Isaac R Gifford Ephraim Gifford. Wm P A Lawrence
Westport. Leonard Macomber. Gideon Gifford
New Bedford. Rufus Sherman, Abm Barker
Jos. R Wing and Rich'd Davis, whose names being called were all present

Clks. The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, the Representatives through one of their number proposed Charles R Tucker for Clerk and Matthew Howland for Asst Clerk which being united with, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from all our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to our next yearly meeting and we appoint our friends David K Akin Josiah Holmes Jr Rufus Sherman. Edw. G Dillingham. Henry T Wood. Chas Taber. John Wood Jr Wm P Howland. Gideon Gifford Isaac R Gifford and Newell Hoxie to attend that meeting as our Representatives.

Our several Mo Meetings report

that they have paid or directed to be 11 mo 1868
paid their proportion of stock to our Stock
Treasurer.

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock
called for last year has been paid to Stock
the Treasurer of that Meeting.

We are informed by Dartmouth Mo
Meeting that Hannah Slade a minister [illegible]
and member of that meeting deceased [illegible]
5 mo 1 1867 aged 79 years 8 mos and 2 days.
Also by Westport Mo Meeting that Ben-
jamin Gifford an Elder and member [illegible]
of that Meeting died 10 mo 6 1867 aged
84 years 10 mos and 26 days

The following report to the Yearly
Meeting was read and approved.

To the Yearly Meeting of friends
next to be held in Rhode Island for
New England.
Dear Friends

We have received
extracts from your last meeting, embracing
the Report of the committee having charge
of the Boarding School with 600 copies of
the London printed epistle for 1866. and
500 Copies of the printed minutes of
our last Yearly Meeting. which were
acceptable to us, and they have been
forwarded to our Mo Meetings for distribution
The Queries were answered in this meeting
with answers from all our Mo Meetings
a summary of which was approved.
and directed to be forwarded to
you. We have appointed our friends
Davis R. Allen Joseph Holmes Jr.
Rufus Sherman Edw. G Dillingham,

4 mo 1868 Hiram S. Wood. Charles Taber, John Wood jr. Wm P Howland. Gideon Gifford Isaac R Gifford and Newell Hoxie our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Our proportion of stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasr. Hannah Slade a minister and member of Dartmouth Mo Meeting deceased 5mo 1 1867 aged 77 yrs 8 mos and 2 days Barbary Gifford an Elder and member of Westport Mo Meeting died 10mo 6 1867 aged 84 years 10 mos and 26 days

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Qtly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 2 1868.

Charles R Tucker Clerk

Committee to assist Friends — We appoint Stephen Dillingham, Calvin Shepherd. Wm Tucker. Gideon Gifford. Rufus Sherman. Richard Davis David Kelley Abial Holway. Geo. Easton and Ephraim Gifford to assist such friends as are in straightened circumstances who feel concerned to attend our Yearly Meeting, and draw upon our Treasurer for the expenses thus incurred.

Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the 7mo. next if permitted ~~by~~ so to do in the ordering of Divine Wisdom

attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two small meetings omitted in a few instances on account of inclement

weather; those on firstday by the most of
our members; midweek meetings and
those for discipline are still neglected
by some. The hour nearly observed
and friends are preserved from sleeping
with a few exceptions. Clear of other
unbecoming behavior in any form as appears.

2d Love and unity are generally
maintained and detraction in a good
measure guarded against. Endeavours
are used to end differences when
they appear

3rd Most of our members are we believe
careful to train up those under their
care, in plainness and to restrain
them from pernicious reading and
from corrupting conversation, and are
in a good degree exemplary herein
themselves while others are not suffi-
ciently careful in these respects. The
Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently
read in Friends families

4th. We believe that spirituous liquors
are confined to medicinal purposes;
in the other parts of this query clear
except a few instances of attending
places of public resort inconsistent
with our religious profession

5th Clear in the several parts of this
query.

6th With a few exceptions which are
under notice friends appear to be
careful that proceedings with respect
to marriages be conformable to our
discipline

7th Clear in the several parts of this
query with two or three exceptions.

1868, 4 mo. 8th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query

9th Our records are attended to. a few removals without certificates, which [illegible]

10th Endeavours have been used to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment in the authority of truth, according to our discipline.

1868 7 mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Falmouth 2d of 7th mo. 1868.

By the reports received from all our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting. viz:

From Sandwich, Joseph Taber, David K. Akin,
Stephen Dillingham.
" Pembroke Nathan T Shepherd Calvin Shepherd.
" Dartmouth Otis Slocum, Isaac R. Gifford
Moses Smith.
" Westport Gideon Gifford, Wm P. Macomber.
" New Bedford Rufus Hinman, Edw. G Dillingham, Jos. R Wing, and Wm C Taber.
who are present

Edward C Young

Our beloved friend Edw. C Young, from Goshen Mo Meeting, and Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio, attended this Meeting with a certificate expressing unity with him as a minister and present religious engagements.

His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Daniel McPherson

Our beloved friend Daniel McPherson who attended this Meeting in the 7 mo. last year with a certificate from Gilead Mo Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, is now with us and

his certificate has again been read. His company 307
and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Joseph W. Jay from Raysville Mo Meeting Indiana, companion to Edw. C. Young, and Lydia Mary McPherson from Gilead Mo Meeting, Indiana who accompanies her husband Dan'l McPherson, attended this meeting with satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings. Their company has been acceptable to us Joseph W Jay

The clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of these minutes so far as they relate to each respectively.

Our representatives to the Yearly meeting report they all attended.

The queries have been read with answers from all our mo. meetings to the first second and tenth

Our Auditors made the following report, and direction is given to place the same on our records. Auditors

New Bedford 6mo 30 1868.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and compared the entries with the vouchers and find them correct showing a balance due him of forty five 17/100 dollars

Wm C. Taber }
C R Tucker } Auditors

Rufus Sherman on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing that 1.650. be raised for the use of this meeting the present year and the reappointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which propositions were united with and Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing. Qr. Mtg Stock

7 mo
1868 and our several Mo. Meetings are directed to pay to him their respective proportions of that sum.

Yr. Mtg. Extracts Extracts have been received from our last Yearly Meeting, comprising 15 copies of our Boarding School report and 400 copies of the printed minutes of that meeting with 500 copies of the London general Epistle for 1867. all of which is acceptable to this meeting and direction has been given that the documents be sent in the usual manner and proportions to our Monthly Meetings. The reading of the Report of the Boarding School committee brought up afresh the deep interest felt in that institution by us, and the desire for its usefulness to be continued.

2r Meetgs Committee The joint committee appointed last year to visit our smaller meetings and to render such advice and assistance as way might open for in the truth, presented the following report which being united with was acceptable to us, and the concern still resting on the minds of friends, we now appoint on that service for the ensuing year, Wm. C. Taber Wm. P. Macomber. Josiah Holmes Jr. Otis Slocum, Lemuel Gifford. Edw. G. Dillingham, Stephen Dillingham, David Swift, Wm. P. Howland, David K. Akin, Chas. R. Tucker. Presbury Wing, Wm. P. Lawrence, David Kelley, Lowell Howe, Jos. Wing, of Sandwich, Benjamin Anthony and Rufus Sherman, and they are desired to labor in that ability which may be afforded for the growth and advancement of all our members in the truth. And in an especial manner have our hearts at this time been drawn towards those who attend our meetings, who are not our Members, and also to those who once enjoyed the right of membership with us, but who from various causes have been disowned, some of whom still attend our meetings. 7mo 1865

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting in the 7mo 1864 to visit our subordinate meetings, and to render such advice and assistance as way may open for in the truth, Report

Report; That they have given some attention to the duty assigned them as way has opened for and ability has been felt to perform. While they are sensible that little comparatively, has been done yet they feel encouraged to commend the service to the continued religious interest of the meeting believing that this concern if abode under and carried on in the ability which the Lord alone can give will be a blessing to the church.

On behalf and by direction of the committee

Wm C. Taber.

Falmouth 7mo. 1558. Rhoda H. Taber.

This Meeting unites with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Arnold Gifford to the station of Elder, our women friends concurring herein, and also with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Gifford to the station Arnold Gifford Nathl Gifford

We concur with our womens meeting in their uniting with Westport Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Phebe Slade to the station of Elder. Phebe Slade

7 mo 1868 Our business being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10 mo. next if permitted by the Great Head of the Church

Atts Charles R Tucker
Clerk

10 mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo 1 1868.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz:

Fm Sandwich, Daniel Davis, Prince G Moore,
Jona. Boyce
" Pembroke, James West, Calvin Shepherd.
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Prince Allen,
Isaac R Gifford.
" Westport James H Gifford. Benjamin Davis.
" New Bedford. Charles Taber, Wm P Howland.
Joseph R Wing, Seth K Akin, & Benj Anthony,
who are present except one whose absence is occasioned by ill health.

J Douglass Our beloved friend Joshua Douglass attended this Meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence from Durham Monthly Meeting. His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Chas W Goddard Our beloved friend Charles W Goddard attended this meeting as companion to Joshua Douglass with a certificate from Durham Mo. Meeting expressing unity with him as a member and with his present engagement. His company is acceptable to us.

Sarah W Farr Our beloved friend Sarah W Farr attended this Meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence from Litchfield Mo Meeting. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to this Meeting

Our beloved friend Noah Farr an Elder attended this Meeting, companion to his wife Sarah R. Farr with a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Mo. Meeting, his company has been acceptable to us

Noah Farr

The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing the above named friends with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers from all our Mo. Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

We are informed by our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of Stock called for the present year for the use of that meeting is $1.500. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting when in funds for that purpose.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford in a weighty manner informed this meeting that a concern had for some time rested on his mind to visit in the love of the Gospel the four southern Quarterly Meetings in New York Yearly Meeting, and other religious services as expressed in a certificate granted him by Sandwich Mo. Meeting. His prospect was fully united with and he was encouraged to proceed therein as way may open in the Truth. He being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Saml Gifford

Westport Monthly Meeting informs us that the Meeting for worship held at Centre, First Day at [illegible] o'clock A.M. has been changed to the 3d hour in the

10 Mo 1868 afternoon

Our business having been accomplished in much love and unity we separate to meet again at New Bedford in the 12 mo next, if permitted in the ordering of Divine wisdom.

Attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

12 Mo 1868

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12 mo 3rd 1868

By accounts received from our several Mo Meetings it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz—

From Sandwich, David Davis, David Kelley, Thomas S Gifford.
" Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, James West.
" Dartmouth, George Almy, George W Francis, Charles Fisher.
" Westport, Wm P Macomber, Leonard Macomber.
" New Bedford, Joseph Grinnell, Edward W Howland, Edmund Gardner, and Richard Davis, who are present.

John Page
Joseph H Pratt

Our beloved friends John Page from Weare Mo Meeting, and Joseph H Pratt from Dover Mo Meeting, attended this meeting and presented Certificates expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, Their company and religious labors have been acceptable to us

Martha E Pratt

Our beloved friend Martha E Pratt an Elder, attended this Meeting as companion to her husband Joseph H Pratt, with a minute of concurrence from Dover Mo Meeting.

Her company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to write with the

Clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing these friends with copies of the above minutes so far as they relate to each respectively. 12mo 1868

The queries have been read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Mo. Meetings to the 1st 2d, and 10th.

Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at this place in the fourth month next if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

4mo 1869

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 1 1869.

By reports received from all our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz;

From Sandwich Joseph Hoxie, Silas Baker
Arnold Gifford
" Pembroke James West, Nathan T Shepherd
" Dartmouth Moses Smith, Geo Allen
William Tucker
" Westport, Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis
" New Bedford, Jonathan E Delano, Edward G Dillingham, Geo. Howland jr Rufus Sherman and Robert Earle, who are present.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives by one of their number proposed Charles R Tucker for Clerk and Mathew Howland for Assistant Clerk, which being united with they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

[illegible] Our beloved friend Jesse T. Hartley
attended this meeting with a Certificate
Jesse T. from Gilead Monthly Meeting endorsed
Hartley by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Ohio
expressive of unity with him as a min-
ister and with his present engagements.
His company and religious labors have
been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Pleasant Coppock
Pleasant attended this meeting companion to
Coppock Jesse T. Hartley with a certificate of unity
and concurrence from Damascus Monthly
Meeting Ohio. His company and solid de-
portment have been acceptable to this
meeting. The clerk is directed to fur-
nish the above named friends with copies
of these minutes as they relate to each
respectively.

The queries were read with answers
from all our Monthly Meetings a sum-
mary of which was approved and directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly
Meeting.

We appoint our friends Rufus Sher-
man, Wm. R. A. Lawrence, Samuel Rod-
man, David K. Akin, Jos. Hoxie, Wm.
C. Taber, Matthew Howland, Leonard
Macomber and Moses Smith, to attend
the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

Our several Monthly Meetings report
Stock. that they have directed their proportion of
stock to be paid to our Treasurer. The pro-
portion of stock called for by our last Yearly
Meeting from this Quarter has been paid
to their Treasurer.

Samuel Samuel Brown an Elder, and mem-
Brown ber of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, deceased

8 mo 19 1868. aged 80 years 8 mo 17 days. 4 mo 1869

Eliza Hull

Eliza Hull

Eliza Hull a minister, and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting died 10 mo 5th 1868 aged 48 yrs 11 mo 21 days.

Matthew Howland, Seth K Akin.

This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Matthew Howland and Seth K Akin to the station of Elders, women friends concurring herein.

Dorcas F Tucker. Susan Taber.

We unite with the womens meeting in the appointment of Dorcas F Tucker and Susan Taber to the station of Elder. The clerk is directed to convey this information to the Select Quarterly Meeting.

committee to assist friends

We appoint Rufus Sherman, Wm Tucker, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Barney, Gideon Gifford, David K Akin, Nathan T Shepherd, Thos Holmes and Matthew Howland to assist friends who are in straitened circumstances, who have a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting, and draw on our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

Our several Monthly Meetings acknowledge having received their proportion of Memorials published by direction of our last Yearly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends,

We have received from you since our last account (15) fifteen copies of the Boarding School report, (400) four hundred copies of the printed minutes

4 mo 1869 of our last Yearly Meeting and 500 copies of the London general epistle for 1867, all of which were acceptable to us, and they have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among our members

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends Rufus Sherman, Wm P A Lawrence Saml. Rodman, David K Akin, Jos Hoxie, Wm C Taber, Mathew Howland, Leonard Macomber and Moses Smith our representatives to the Yearly Meeting

Our proportion of stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer

Samuel Brown an Elder and member of Pembroke Mo Meeting deceased 8mo 19 1868 aged 80 yrs 8 mos 17 ds

Eliza Hull a minister and member of Dartmouth Mo Meeting died 10mo 5 1868 aged 48 years 11 mos 21 days

We have united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Arnold Gifford to the station of Elder, with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of Nathl Gifford and Phebe Slade, and with New Bedford Mo Meeting in the appointment of Matthew Howland ~~and~~ Seth K Akin Dorcas F Tucker and Susan Taber to the same stations

We have received our proportion of memorials of deceased friends published by direction of our last Yearly Meeting which have been distributed among our members

Signed by direction and on behalf of 11 m. 1869 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 1 1869

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

Summary answer.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except one small meeting omitted on acct of inclement weather. on first days by most of our members - the midweek meetings and meetings for discipline are much neglected by a few - the hour generally observed - a few instances of sleeping - no other unbecoming behaviour noticed - some care extended.

2d Love and unity appear to be pretty well maintained - detraction mostly guarded against - Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

3d There is a care on the minds of most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves, while others are not so careful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families

4th Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes with one exception - clear in the other parts of this query, except a few instances in one Mo. Meeting of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession

4 m 1869. 5th The several requirements of this query appear to be complied with

6th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query with three exceptions

7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th Mostly careful in these respects.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th In dealing with offenders, endeavours have been used to proceed in the manner pointed out, and to place judgement in the authority of truth according to the discipline.

Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet at Falmouth in the Seventh Month next if the Lord permit.

Charles L. Tucker Clerk.

7 m 1869

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo 1 1869.

By returns from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed Representatives to this meeting viz;

From Sandwich, Joseph Howe, Seth Swift, [illegible]

" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

" Dartmouth, Paul Fisher, Isaac R. [illegible] [illegible]

" Westport, Wm Macomber, Jas. A. Gifford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Josiah Holmes Jr and Jas. R. Wing

[illegible]

Lewis Bedell
Lydia Powell
Rebecca Collins
Wm. Taber

We have in the attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Lewis Bedell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Rebecca Collins from New York Mo. Meeting Westbury Qr. Meeting, Wm R Taber from Scipio Mo. Meeting companion to Lydia H Powell all of New York Yearly Meeting and Martha Watkins from [illegible] Mo. Meeting, Alum Creek Qr. Meeting Ohio. They [illegible] from their respective Meetings, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Sarah F. Underhill
Jane F. Brown

Our beloved friends Sarah F. Underhill from New York companion to Rebecca Collins and Jane F. Brown from [illegible] with minutes of concurrence from their friends. [illegible] The Clerk is directed to furnish the abovenamed friends with copies of [illegible] respectively.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1. 2 & 11th from all our Mo. Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported [illegible]

We are informed by the following extract from our late Yearly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

It is concluded to raise Six Thousand Dollars in [illegible] the [illegible]

7 mo 1869 this Meeting the coming year and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum to Gideon C Smith Treasurer of this meeting. Sandwich Quarterly Meetings proportion, Thirty per cent is eighteen hundred dollars $1800

Yr Meetg Stock

(Signed) Samuel Boyce Clerk

[illegible] report, showing Twenty nine $\frac{79}{100}$ dolls in the hands [illegible]

To Sandwich Qr Meeting

[illegible] have examined the acct of the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting and find it correct showing a balance in his hands of Twenty nine $\frac{79}{100}$ $29 $\frac{79}{100}$

(Signed) Chas R Tucker Auditor

Appointment of Treasurer

Stock

Josiah Holmes Jr on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had conferred together and were united in proposing that $350 be raised for the use of of this meeting the ensuing year. We reappoint Mathew Howland Treasurer of this Meeting for the coming year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting [illegible] copies of the Boarding School report, 400 [illegible] Meeting with 650 copies of the London General Epistle for 1868, all of which are acceptable to the meeting, and direction was given to divide the documents among [illegible] Meetings in the usual proportions for distribution.

YEARLY MEETING,

6TH MONTH, 1869.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report; that they have given attention to their appointment, and feel much satisfaction in stating that, under the administration of the present officers and teachers the affairs of the school and family have been well and efficiently conducted, and the high character which the school has sustained for many years past has been maintained. As far as their observation has enabled them to judge, the pupils have evinced a commendable attention to their studies, and their behavior has been generally satisfactory.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Sarah F. Coffin, Alice R. Wing, and Sarah A. Taber, teachers of English Branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of Mathematics; and Sarah A. Taber, teacher of Drawing.

The number of pupils in attendance during the Autumn term was one hundred and seventy-five, viz.: one hundred and five males and seventy females. In the Spring term one hundred and forty-eight, viz.: ninety-three males and fifty-five females.

Although the health of the school has been generally good, and the scholars have been mercifully preserved from disease that has at times prevailed in the vicinity, yet two cases of severe illness have occurred, one of which proved fatal. Abbie W. Holmes, daughter of Josiah Holmes, Jr., of Mattapoisett, who had been but a few weeks an inmate of the school, was removed on account of illness to her home 11th mo. 7th, 1868, and died on the 26th of the same month of typhoid fever. She was reported to us by the Principal as being a girl of remarkably delicate organization both physically and mentally, and possessed of an unusually sweet disposition. During her short stay at the school, she had greatly endeared herself to all the officers and pupils with whom she associated.

The pupils have continued to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons have been devoted to scriptural instruction and reading; and portions of scripture are read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night.

Since our last Yearly Meeting the girls' lodging-room in the east wing of the main building has been by direction of the committee, partitioned into separate rooms to correspond with those in the new building, at an expense of nine hundred one 66-100 ($901.66) dollars. This gives eight additional dormitories for the use of the girls with a spacious room for a nursery in that part of the house.

The report of the auditing committee shows, that, as near as can be estimated, the income of the school to 6th mo. 23d, 1869, will exceed its expenses, including the cost of alterations in the girls' lodging-room and interest paid on the debt of the school, by the sum of thirty-five hundred forty-seven ($3,547) dollars, which being deducted from the amount of its indebtedness reported last year, leaves a balance of eleven thousand six hundred thirty-five 77-100 ($11,635.77) dollars now due. From information received from the treasurer of the School Funds, it is anticipated that the income from our charitable fund and the Ebenezer Metcalf fund the coming year, will be sufficient to pay the board and tuition of fifteen scholars, one year each.

We would offer for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the propriety of making the treasurer of the School Funds an annual appointment, and that he be *ex officio* a member of the School Committee.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting, be reduced to one hundred and forty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars. To show that the proposed charge to our own members is not exceptionally high, it may be stated that from inquiries recently made, the price of board and tuition at Friends' schools in other parts of the country exceeds what is proposed to be charged by us.

The schedule of terms proposed is as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	$140 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, . .	190 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

An additional charge of $10 to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after the recess.

Taking into view the difficulties that many of our members have to encounter in order to obtain for their children a suitable education to fit them for the business of life, and at the same time to preserve them in some good degree from the maxims and habits of the world; and also to enable such of our young people as are desirous of qualifying themselves to serve as teachers to attain that object, it has appeared very desirable to us that the fund for the gratuitous education of our members at the Boarding School should be increased. To this end a contribution has been commenced by a few individuals, some of whom have long been connected with the school, and we would ask the favorable consideration of friends for this undertaking, and their co-operation with it.

In presenting the annual report of the condition of the school, we feel that we may again commend it to the confidence and support of friends, and we can but trust, that with the help of an individual interest in its welfare on the part of our members, under the divine blessing, that the concern of our predecessors in the truth in its establishment may be in good measure fulfilled.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

(From the Minutes of the Meeting.)

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The first half year begins 9th mo. 1st, 1869: Closes 1st mo. 19th, 1870. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 19th, 1870: Closes 2d mo. 2d, 1870. Second half year begins, 2d mo. 2d, 1870: Closes 6th mo. 22d, 1870.

Regulations of the School Committee.—Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d of Eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address: ALBERT K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

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The report of the Boarding School was read, which was interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting.

The joint committee previously appointed to extend such care, advice and assistance to our subordinate meetings as way might open for in the Truth, presented the following report, which being united with was satisfactory to the meeting, and the concern still resting on the minds of friends, the committee now under appointment viz; Wm C Taber, Wm P. Macomber, Josiah Holmes Jr, Otis Slocum, Lemuel Gifford, Edw. G Dillingham, Stephen ~~Z~~ Dillingham Daniel Swift, Wm P Howland, David K Akin, Thos R Tucker, Presbury Wing, Wm C [illegible], David Kelley, Newell Hoxie, [illegible] Wing of [illegible], [illegible] Rufus Sherman with the addition of Daniel Dudley and Jos. Hoxie, and they are constituted a component part of such committee as this in appointment and are desired to labor in the ability which may be afforded, for the growth and advancement not only of the members of our meetings, but those who attend our meetings, and also those who once enjoyed the right of membership with us, but from various causes have been disunited from us.

Quarterly Mtgs Committee

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The joint committee appointed to visit the smaller meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting and to labor for the encouragement of our members and others to greater dedication in the cause of the Lord, report that all these [illegible]

[illegible]

7mo 1869 their number, and also that some families or individuals have been visited as way has opened for it and the committee have been encouraged in the belief that [illegible] and to the visited. They thankfully believe that a living engagement on the part of some in different localities within our limits has been mercifully vouchsafed.

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) [illegible]
Rhoda H Taber

Lem'l Gifford Returns minute

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned to this meeting an endorsement granted him in the Tenth last year on a certificate given him by Sandwich Mo. Meeting. He presented returning minutes from ~~from~~ New York Yearly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Swansey Mo. Meeting. He informed friends that he had accomplished what service seemed required of him which has given sweet peace to his own mind. All of which is interesting and satisfactory to us.

Committee on change of Place to hold the Qr Mtg.

One of our Mo. Meetings having requested that this meeting would take into consideration the subject of holding this Quarterly Meeting at some other place in the 7th mo. we appoint Wm C Taber, Nathl. Gifford, David K Akin, Sewell Hoxie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Chas. R Tucker, Otis Slocum, Jos. Hoxie Jona. Boyce, ~~and~~ Prince G Moore, and Isaac R Gifford to unite with a similar committee of women friends in taking this subject under consideration and report their judgment at a future meeting.

Having enjoyed together as we trust a sweet season of love we now adjourn proposing to meet at Sandwich in the 10 mo. next if permitted so to do 7mo 69

Attest Charles R Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo 7 1869. 10 mo 1869

By the reports received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed to attend this meeting, viz:

From Sandwich Jos. Faber Prince G Moore
Silas Baker
" Pembroke Calvin Shepherd Nathan T Shepherd
" Dartmouth Jona. Kirby Isaac R Gifford Otis Slocum.
" Westport Geo. Hussey Gifford, Gideon Gifford.
" New Bedford Geo. Howland Jr Wm P Howland, Ezra Kelley & Jos R [illegible]

who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason is assigned

The Queries with answers from our Monthly meetings to 1st 2d, and 10th have been read

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the Gift and approving the public ministry of Daniel Swift with the concurrence of women friends, and Charles R Tucker is directed to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the same. Daniel Swift approved

10 mo 1869

Phebe R. Gifford

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford a minister in unity with us informed this meeting that she felt drawn in gospel love to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina and also to attend to such other religious service within their limits as way may open for in the truth as set forth in a certificate granted her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Her prospects were fully and freely united with and she was encouraged to proceed therein and the clerk is directed to endorse the concurrence of this meeting on her Certificate.

see below) Documents issued by our Meeting for Sufferings on the subject of Peace, one addressed to members of our society and one to the professors of the Christian religion have been received and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among our members and others

David K Akin and Charles R Tucker are appointed to render any advise or assistance needed for this undertaking

Our business being accomplished in much love we separate proposing to meet again in the 12th mo next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 2 1869.

It appears by accounts received from all our Mo Meetings that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz

From Sandwich, Jos Ewer Jr David K
Akin and James E Gifford
" Pembroke, James West, Nathan T Shepherd,
" Dartmouth, George H Francis, Charles
Fisher & George Almy
" Westport, Gideon Gifford & Adrian Davis
" New Bedford, Gideon Wood, Charles
Taber, Jos. R Wing and Richard Davis.
who are present

Wm H Chase and Jos H Pratt

Our beloved friends Wm H Chase from Scipio Mo Meeting N.Y. and Joseph H Pratt from Dover Mo Meeting, are present at this time with satisfactory certificates from their meetings. Their company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Abigail M Hanson

Our beloved friend Abigail M Hanson attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Seabrook Mo Meeting. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

M E Pratt

Martha E Pratt, an Elder who accompanies her husband Joseph H Pratt, attended this meeting with a minute from Dover Mo Meeting expressing unity with her present engagement. Her company has been acceptable to this meeting

The Clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with copies of this minute, wherein it relates to each respectively.

12 mo 1. 69 The Queries have been read with answers from our Mo Meetings to the First, Second & Fourth.

We are informed by Dartmouth Mo Meeting that they have discontinued the week day meeting, at Apponagansett, on account of the small number of members, until the Mo Meeting in the 4th mo. next.

The Clerk reports that he has informed the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that Daniel Swift had been recorded a minister.

Wm P Macomber approved

We unite with Westport Mo Meeting in acknowledging the Gift and approving the public ministry of Wm P Macomber, having the unity of women friends herein. The Clerk is directed to extend this information to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

Lydia B Mitchell

We are informed by New Bedford Mo Meeting that Lydia B Mitchell an Elder and member of that meeting, deceased 10 mo 15th 1869 aged 87 years and 7 months.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned at this time our endorsement granted her in the 10 mo last for religious service as expressed in a Certificate issued to her by Dartmouth Mo Meeting. She informed us that she had been enabled to perform what she apprehended was required of her, to the peace and encouragement of own mind. She presented satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly

Meetings of No Carolina and Baltimore and the Mo Meetings of Dover, Deep River and New Garden in the limits of No Carolina Yearly Meeting, all of which has been interesting and satisfactory to us.

Having as we trust witnessed that the Fathers blessing has rested upon us during this meeting we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the 4mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 7 1870. 4mo 1870

By reports received from all of our Mo Meetings, it appears that the following named friends are appointed Representatives to this meeting. viz;

From Sandwich, David Dudley, Amos Gifford, Silas Baker.
" Pembroke, James West, Nathan S Shepherd
" Dartmouth, Prince Allen, Ephraim Gifford, William Tucker.
" Westport, Gideon Gifford, Leonard Macomber.
" New Bedford, Gideon Wood, Rufus Shearman, Edw. S Dillingham and Elnathan E Delano, who are present except one, absent on account of sickness.

Rufus Shearman on behalf of the Representatives, proposed Charles R Tucker for Clerk, and Matthew Howland for Asst. Clerk, which was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

4m 1870 The queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting

Summary Answers

1st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have all been attended except four in two small meetings, owing in part to inclement weather. Those on first days are well attended, Midweek meetings and meetings for discipline are still neglected by a considerable number.

The hour is well observed, and with little exception friends are preserved from sleeping, Clear of other unbecoming behavior.

2d Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained, with some exceptions in one Mo. Meeting. Detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3d Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care as queried, and to example well themselves, while a few are not sufficiently careful in those respects. The frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures is, we believe general in friends families.

4th The improper use of Spirituous Liquors appears to be avoided except in one instance where some care has been extended. Clear in other respects excepting the attendance in some instances of places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession; in one Mo Meeting.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Clear in the other parts of this query.

6th With a few exceptions in one Mo. Meeting which are under notice friends appear careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

7th Our testimonies appear to be well maintained in the several parts of this query, with the exception of one instance of a military nature.

8th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, the most of which are under notice.

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment in accordance with our discipline.

We appoint our friends Rufus Sherman, Josiah Holmes Jr. Joseph S Tillinghast, George W Francis, Newell Hoxie, Wm P Macomber, David K Akin, Nathan T Shepherd, Arnold Gifford, and Jona. Cowen our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

We are informed that our several Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

Our Treasurer reports that he has paid our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock as called for by minute.

4 mo 1870 of last year ~~to the Treasurer of that Meeting~~.

Rhoda H Taber We are informed by New Bedford Mo. Meeting that Rhoda H Taber a minister and member of that meeting, deceased 12 mo 29 1869. aged 73 years 11 months and 20 days.

The account from Westport Mo Meeting states that the meeting at Centre was discontinued in the first month last, and is to be reopened on first-day the 24th inst at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sarah E Jenkins Our beloved friend Sarah E Jenkins attended this meeting and presented a certificate from Short Creek Mo Meeting Ohio, expressive of unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of the above minute.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the Clerk directed to sign it in our behalf.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode Island for New England,

Dear friends

We have received from you since our last accounts, 15 copies of the Boarding School report, 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting and 600 copies of the London

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general epistle of 1868, all of which were acceptable to us, and they have been forwarded to our Mo Meetings for distribution among our members.

The queries have been read with answers from all our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends Rufus Sherman, Josiah Holmes Jr, Jos. S Tillinghast, Geo. W Francis, Newell Hoxie, Wm P Macomber, David K Akin Nathan T Shepherd, Arnold Gifford, and Jona. Cowen, our representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Our proportion of Stock called for by your minute of last year has been paid to your Treasurer.

Lydia C Mitchell of Nantucket an elder and member of New Bedford Mo Meeting deceased 10 mo 16. 1859 aged 82 yrs 7 mos.

Rhoda H Taber a minister and member of the same Mo Meeting deceased 12 mo 29 1859 aged 73 years 11 mos & 20 days.

We have united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Daniel Swift, and also with Westport Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Wm P Macomber.

Documents issued by our Meeting for Sufferings on the subject of Peace, one addressed to members of our society, and one to the professors

4 mo 1870 of the Christian religion have been received and forwarded to our Mo. Meetings for distribution among our members and others.

(Signed) Chas R. Tucker Clerk

We appoint Rufus Sherman Wm Tucker, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Barney, Gideon Gifford, David R Akin, Nathan S Shepherd, Abiah Holway, and Matthew Howland, to render assistance to friends that are in straitened circumstances, who are concerned to attend the Yearly Meeting, and draw on our Treasurer for the expense thus incurred.

2r Mtg The joint committee appointed in the 7th month last upon the subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 7th month made report as follows, which was accepted by the meeting and the committee are released from further care in the case.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed in 7th month last on the subject of removing the Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth to some other place, have carefully considered the subject and are united in the belief that the time has not yet arrived for any change.

On behalf of the committee

Isaac R. Gifford.
Sewell Howe.
Ruth H. Baker.
Dorcas F. Tucker.

New Bedford
4 mo 6 1870

Our business being accomplished we part in love, proposing to meet again in the 7th mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit. 4 mo. 1870

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 7th 1870. 7 mo. 1870

By reports from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends are named Representatives to this meeting, viz;
From Sandwich: Joseph Wing, Joseph Akin, Jonathan Boyce.
From Pembroke, Daniel West, Nathan T Shepherd.
From Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Isaac R Gifford, George Almy.
From Westport, Benjamin Davis, John A Macomber.
From New Bedford, Henry T Wood, Rufus Shearman, Edward G Dillingham and Richard Davis.
Who are present but two, for the absence of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

The queries with answers from our Monthly meetings to the 1st, 2nd & 10th have been read.

Our beloved friends Caroline E Talbot from Short Creek monthly meeting & Short Creek Quarterly meeting, Ohio, and Sarah W Fdor from Litchfield Monthly meeting Maine attended this meeting with

Caroline E Talbot and Sarah W Fdor

7 mo. 1870 certificates expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the above minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended.

We are informed by the following minute from our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is $1556 dollars.

The auditors of this meeting
Stock presented the following report showing a balance due the treasurer of this Quarterly meeting $298 $\frac{66}{100}$ dollars.

Rufus Shearman on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting, that they were united in proposing that $2300. be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of Matthew Howland for treasurer, which being united with, he is appointed to that service for one year, and our monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the sum of twenty three hundred dollars.

Documents We have received from our late Yearly Meeting 900 copies of the London printed Epistles of 1869 and they are directed to our monthly meetings for distribution among our members & others.

A copy of the report of the Boarding School Committee for the past year has been read giving an encouraging account of the usefulness of that

institution, which was interesting and 1870
satisfactory to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Noah Farr,
an elder, attended this meeting as
companion to his wife, Sarah W Farr,
with a minute of concurrence from N Farr
Litchfield Monthly meeting. His
company has been acceptable to us,
and the clerk is directed to furnish
him with a copy of this minute. —

Yearly Meeting 6mo 1870.

It is concluded to raise the sum
of Five Thousand Dollars to defray Yr Mtg
the expenses of this meeting the coming Stock
year— and our several Quarterly meetings
are requested to pay their respective
proportions of said sum to Gideon
C Smith, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting's proportion
(thirty one per ct) is Fifteen
Hundred Fifty Dollars. $1550.

On behalf of the Meeting,
Samuel Boyce,
Clerk.

To the Quarterly Meeting

The accounts of Matthew
Howland, Treasurer, have been audited,
and found correct, showing a
balance due him of two hundred
ninety eight 66/100 dollars. $298.66

New Bedford, Wm. C Taber,
7mo 2nd 1870. Charles R Tucker } Auditors.

7 m 1870 Dartmouth Monthly meeting informs us, that the week day meeting at Apponagansett has been discontinued for the present.

Sm. Mtgs Com The joint committee appointed last year to visit our subordinate meetings, and especially those who meet in small numbers made the following report, which is satisfactory and encouraging, to us, and feeling drawn in affectionate love at the present time towards these meetings and the members thereof, and in an especial manner towards those who formerly enjoyed the right of membership with us, but from various causes have become disunited with our society, and also those who frequent our meetings for worship, who are not recorded as members; we appoint
Daniel Swift, Josiah Holmes Jr, William C Taber, Henry T Wood, Moses Smith, Newell Hoxie, Otis Slocum, William P Macomber, David K Akin, Chas R Tucker, Joseph Taber of Sandwich, Edward G Dillingham, Matthew Berney, George H Gifford, Matthew Howland, Nathan T Shephard, Arnold Gifford to unite with a similar committee of women friends to visit said meetings, and those above referred to, in Christian love, and labor as ability may be afforded for their advancement in the truth, to the end that all may be brought into the fold of Christ; and dear friends seek for that wisdom, which alone can rightly direct our steps in laboring to promote the kingdom of our blessed Lord.

We constitute ~~said~~ the committee 1870
a component part of said meetings
when in the attendance of them.

To the Quarterly Meeting Report

The joint committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings and extend such care and assistance as way may open for, report That they have given attention to their appointment. Members of the committee have at different times visited most or all our meetings to a good degree of satisfaction and they are encouraged to believe that there is an increased degree of interest felt in the cause of Truth and we trust also of Spiritual life among us, and many not members who attend our meetings are more closely drawn toward us as a Society. The committee would commend the concern to the continued attention of the Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of the Com.
Signed Lewis Hoxie.
Chas R Tucker
Wm C Taber

Attest Chas R Tucker
Clerk

1870
10 mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Sandwich 10 mo 5 1870.

By reports received from our several Mo. Meetings, it appears that the following friends are appointed to attend this meeting as Representatives, viz;

From Sandwich, Prince G Moore, Silas Baker
Stephen R Wing
" Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Nathan T Shepherd.
" Dartmouth, Isaac R Potter, Jon^{a} Kirby
Obed Slocum
" Westport, Geo. Hussey Gifford, Leonard Macomber.
" New Bedford, Gideon Wood, Edw. G Dillingham
Rufus Sherman, Joshua L Macomber,

who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries with answers from our Several Mo Meetings to the First, Second and Tenth have been read

Number of Members

We are informed by New Bedford Mo Meeting, that in accordance with directions given by our last Yearly Meeting, they have made out a list of their members, numbering Three hundred & eighty four, viz; Males 174
Females 210
384

Our business having been accomplished in order and in love we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12th mo next at New Bedford, if permitted by our Heavenly Father so to do.

Attest Chas R Tucker
Clerk

1870
12 mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford 12 mo 1 1870.

By reports received from all our Mo Meetings, it appears ~~that~~ the following friends are appointed Representatives to this meeting viz;

From Sandwich, Stephen Dillingham. Silas Baker Alvah Holway

" Pembroke, James West, Nathan T Shepherd

" Dartmouth, Benj Potter, Ephraim Gifford, Arthur Gifford

" Westport Benj Davis Gideon Gifford

" New Bedford, Jas B Congdon, Elnathan E Delano, Josiah Holmes Jr & Richard Davis, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Mo. Meetings to the First, Second and Tenth.

Westport Monthly Meeting informs us ~~that~~ they have discontinued the meeting held at Centre, on account of its being reduced by deaths and removals. Centre Mtg

Our Mo Meetings are requested to furnish us in the 4th month next a list of ministers and elders belonging to their respective meetings, and all changes that have occured by deaths or removals during the year, as per minute from our last Yearly Meeting, and they are also requested to furnish this meeting with a list of their members belonging to each particular meeting. Members Do in Mtg

After completing our business in love and harmony, with the feeling that we have enjoyed a profitable season we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the fourth month next, if the Lord permit.

Attest Chas R Tucker Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 6th 1871

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed Representatives to this meeting - viz;
From Sandwich, David K Akin, Jos. Ewer Jr, Arnold Gifford.
" Pembroke, James West, Nathan T. Stephens
" Dartmouth, George Almy, Daniel B. Allen
Jonathan Kirby.
" Westport, Gideon Gifford, Wm. Hussey Gifford.
" New Bedford, Edward W. Howland, Benj. Anthony,
Jonathan Cowen, Richard Davis, who are present but one, his absence occasioned by illness,

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives proposed Charles R. Tucker for Clerk and Matthew Howland for assistant, which was united with and they are appointed to those services for one year, or until another appointment

Isaac Anthony

Our beloved friend Isaac Anthony from Swansey Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with a certificate expressive of unity with him in his religious prospect his company and religious labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, and we have appointed Edw. G. Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, Rufus Sherman, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph

J Tillinghast, Josiah Holmes Jr, David K Akin, Jr, James B Congdon, Wm G Wing, Wm P Macomber, Arnold Gifford & Samuel Freeman to attend that meeting as our Representatives.

All our Monthly Meetings report payment of their proportion of Stock.

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting. Stock

Lois B Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased June 3rd 1871 aged 47 years 6 mos and 9 days. Lois B Gifford

Tamar Gifford an elder and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died 12 m 9th 1870 aged 77 years and 7 months. Tamar Gifford

We appoint Stephen Dillingham, William Tucker, Chas. R Tucker, Rufus Sherman, Ephraim Gifford, Nathan T Shepherd, Geo. H Gifford, Matthew Howland, [illegible] Tinney, David Kelley, [illegible] Howland and Joseph R Wing to render aid to friends in straitened circumstances who feel concerned to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting and draw upon our Treasurer for the expense thus incurred.

Pembroke Monthly Meeting report that they have changed the hour of holding their midweek meeting from 11 to 10 oclock A.M. Pembroke mtg.

The following Report to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the Clerk directed to sign it on our behalf.

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends.

Since our last account we have received extracts from your Meeting embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee which has been read giving

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an encouraging account of the condition of that Institution; also 400 copies of the printed minutes, with 900 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1869 which was distributed among our members and others, all of which was interesting and satisfactory to us.

Report to the Yr Mtg

The Queries have been read, with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends Edw. G Tillinghast, Isaac R Gifford, Rufus Sherman, Jos. Grinnell, Jos. G Tillinghast, Josiah Holmes Jr, David K Akin, James B Congdon, Wm G Wing, Wm P Macomber, Arnold Gifford and Samuel Rodman, our representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Yr Mtg Stock

Our proportion of stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer.

Lois B Gifford

Lois B Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 1 mo 5. 1871 aged 47 years 9 mos and 9 days.

James Gifford

James Gifford an elder and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died 12 mo 9th 1870, aged 77 years and 7 months.

In accordance with your direction of last year we annex the number of Ministers, Elders and Members in each of our Monthly Meetings viz;

Sandwich.

Ministers 12 Members Sandwich 99
Elders 13 Falmouth 99
Yarmouth 45 243

Pembroke.

Neither Minister nor Elder. Members 17

Westport, Members Westport 59
Ministers 1 Centre 8
Elders 2 Little Compton 12 79

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Dartmouth,	Members	Newtown	20	
Ministers 1		Aponagansett	35	
Elders 5		Allens Neck	53	
		Smith's Neck	5	114
New Bedford,	Members,	Long Plain	34	
Ministers 5		Acushnet	21	
Elders 17		Fairhaven	57	
		Rochester	20	
		New Bedford	243	
		Nantucket	15	391
		Total		844

Members admitted by request the past year 21

Summary Answers.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except two in one monthly meeting owing to the state of the weather. Those on first days have been attended by nearly all our members who are in a situation to do so. Mid-week meetings and meetings for discipline are still neglected by a considerable number yet an improvement is reported in one Mo. meeting. The hour is nearly observed & friends not wholly preserved from sleeping. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care extended.

2d Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained with some exceptions in one Mo meeting. Friends are mostly careful to guard against detractions. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

3d Care is taken by most friends to train up those under their care in conformity to the query, and endeavor to example [illegible] themselves. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures we believe is observed in friends families.

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4th With two exceptions the unnecessary use of spirituous liquor is avoided. Generally clear in the other parts of this query except a few instances in one Mo. meeting of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and friends appear careful in the other parts of this query.

6th With very little exception proceedings with respect to marriage have been conformable to discipline

7th Our testimonies appear to be maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th Friends appear careful in these respects

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates are under notice.

10th Care has we trust been taken to deal with offenders as queried, and also to place judgment according to our discipline.

Testimony Rhoda H Taber

The following testimony of New Bedford Mo. Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Rhoda H Taber was read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign and forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings.

A testimony of New Bedford Mo. Meeting concerning Rhoda H Taber deceased.

From age to age a cloud of witnesses have proved the faithfulness of Him by whose sustaining grace they have been enabled to overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and

with a hope full of immortality to finish 4 mo 1871.
their course and enter into rest. As any fresh evidence of the efficacy of this grace may be a means of encouragement to survivors, we are induced to record this brief testimony, concerning one whose unobtrusive life of faith coincided with the declaration of the Apostle "By the grace of God, I am, what I am."

Our beloved friend Rhoda H. Taber was the daughter of Cornelius and Rhoda Howland, and was born in New Bedford on the [illegible] day of 1st month 1796

The child of pious parents, of her it may be said, that she was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and her after life exemplified the Truth of the declaration, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" She was well endowed with natural gifts which were improved by the use of the means within her reach, and gradually yielding herself to the influences of the Holy Spirit, she became qualified for usefulness in the various stations in which she was placed and was remarkable for fidelity to duty as it was made manifest to her.

During many years, her aged mothers helpless condition made large demands upon the daughters time and strength and in these patient ministrations of watchful love and care, our dear friend received a discipline, which prepared her for a wide sphere of usefulness.

Quiet and gentle in her manners, and domestic in her tastes and habits, she yet enjoyed the social circle, was cheerful and

4 mo courteous in her intercourse with her friends and exercised "hospitality without grudging" and in this connection we think it may be truly said of her that she "adorned the doctrine of God her Saviour in all things."

It was in the year 1840 that after many baptisms and great inward conflict, she was made willing to acknowledge in the assemblies of the people, to the faithfulness of her covenant Lord, and great was the peace of her own soul which followed this act of dedication. In true humility and watchfulness she went on her way, and her ministry was acknowledged by her monthly meeting in 1840. Although not called to labor extensively abroad, she was faithful in the exercise of her gift, in her own and neighboring meetings

Her ministry was sound and edifying, and being a diligent student of the Scriptures, and careful to wait for for the qualifying power of the Truth, she was enabled concisely and persuasively to call upon all around her to "come taste and see how good the Lord is", and being zealous to abide in Christ, the Vine, and to receive nourishment from Him, she bore as upon a living branch the evident fruits of the spirit, even "Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Her marriage with our friend Wm C. Taber took place in the year 1860, and in entering upon the enlarged sphere which thus extended before her, the Christian graces brought forth in hours of trial and seclusion shone with increased lustre and to the large family circle which now received her, she became an acknowledged comfort and blessing and the various members thereof freely accorded to her with that Christian due deference which belonged to her position. 1871-4mo

She was liberal in the use of the means at her disposal, freely bestowing it in charity and her sympathy with the afflicted and suffering led her to visit their dwellings, not only to render material aid, but also to administer the consolations of the Gospel, according to the need of the visited, and the ability given her.

She was indeed lovely in her life, a precious example of an humble self renouncing Christian. Her gentle kindly spirit retained no feelings of ill will, but with her, Charity covered as with a mantle the failings of all around her.

"She being dead yet speaketh," Her memory is precious to survivors, and in recalling the excellent traits of her character we would revive the discipline given in the days of old.

"Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

She stretcheth forth her hands to the poor, and reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Her children arise up and call her

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blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Thus usefully and peacefully her years passed on and although symptoms of serious disease gradually developed themselves, she continued to attend all our religious meetings and at the last one held a few days before her death she was engaged in earnest prayer, closing with the words, "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be all the praise."

Although her last illness was brief and the call unexpected, she was found with her lamp trimmed and burning and, spared from protracted bodily anguish, she gently bade farewell to earthly scenes, and entered upon the joy of her Lord, on the 29th of 12th mo 1869. aged nearly 74 years.

Signed on behalf of New Bedford Mo Meeting of friends held 3mo 23 1871.

Matthew Howland
Anna G Wood } Clerks.

Our business having been accomplised we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the seventh month next if permitted by our Lord so to do.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo. 6th 1871

By the Reports from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz;

From Sandwich. David Kelley, Jona. Boyce,
Stephen R. Wing.
" Pembroke, James West, Nathan T. Shepherd
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Isaac R Gifford, Wm P. A. Lawrence.
" Westport. Leonard Macomber, Nathaniel G Macomber
" New Bedford. Rufus Sherman, Jona. Cowen, John B Bayliss. Edward G Dillingham. whose names being called, they are present except two, the absence of one being caused by illness in his family.

Our beloved friends Edward C Young from Goshen Mo Meeting, Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Elizabeth L. Comstock from Rollin Mo. Meeting, Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Sarah Gidley from Adrian Mo Meeting, and the same Quarterly Meeting, all of Ohio Yearly Meeting, attended this Meeting.

E C Young
E L Comstock
Sarah Gidley

They produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, so far as it relates to each, respectively, and sign them on our behalf.

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panion to his wife Elizabeth L Comstock,
John T William Gidley an Elder from Adrian
Comstock Mo. Meeting companion to his wife Sarah
Wm Gidley, and Elizabeth W Young who
Gidley accompanies her husband Elm. C Young,
E W attended this meeting with minutes
Young of concurrence from their respective
meetings. Their company and solid
deportment have been acceptable to us,
and the clerk is directed to furnish
them with copies of this minute as it
relates to each

The queries have been read
with answers from our Mo. Meetings
to the 1st 2d and 10th.

The representatives to the Yearly
Meeting report they attended, except two
for whose nonattendance sufficient
reasons were assigned.

Yr Mtg By the following communication
Stock received from our last Yearly Meeting, it
appears that our proportion of stock for
the service of that Meeting the ensuing
year is $1.550. which amount our Treasurer
is directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr. Treasr.
of that meeting.

At New England Yearly Meeting,
held on Rhode Island in the 6 month 1871.

It was concluded to raise the sum
of five thousand dollars ($5.000.) for the service
of the meeting for the ensuing year, and our
several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward
to our Treasurer, George Howland Jr, their
respective proportions of that sum. The quota
of Sandwich Mo. Meeting is 31 po. $1.550. –

Extracted from the minutes. Chas. R. Tucker. Clerk

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The auditors of this meeting presented the following report.

New Bedford 6mo 30 1871

We have this day examined the accounts of Matthew Howland Treasr. of the Quarterly Meeting, and find them correct with vouchers for all the entries. The balance due him is thirty four $\frac{13}{100}$ dollars. The payments made during the last year have been as follows

To Treasr. of Yearly Meeting	$1550.
For support of poor Nantucket	364.93
Expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting	56.
Hay and care of Horses at Qr. Mtg.	64.54
	2,035.47

Wm C Taber
Chas R Tucker } Auditors

Showing a balance due the Treasurer of this Meeting of $34 $\frac{13}{100}$

Stock

Rufus Sherman on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer, and that the sum of Twenty four hundred dollars ($2,400.) be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which was united with and Matthew Howland is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Our several monthly meetings are directed to forward to our Treasurer their respective proportions of $2,400, the amount proposed to be raised.

Being informed by the report from Westport Mo. Meeting, that their meeting house at Westport is in a dilapidated

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condition, and that they desire the advice and assistance of the Quarterly Meeting, we appoint Edw. G Dillingham

Westport
Mg House

Henry T Wood, Otis Slocum, Stephen Dillingham and David K Akin, to advise with friends of that meeting in relation to their request; and report their judgment in the case to our next Quarterly Meeting.

A request from Westport Mo. Meeting for the appointment of Leonard Macomber correspondent of that Meeting in place of Adrian Davis removed, address Central Village; Mass, will be laid before our next Yearly Meeting.

Qr Mtgs
Committee

The joint committee appointed in the 7th month last year, to visit our subordinate meetings, and individuals in the love of Christ, as expressed in the minute of their appointment, submitted the following report;

To the Quarterly Meeting;

The joint committee under appointment to visit our subordinate meetings and individuals, and to labor as ability might be afforded in Christian love for the advancement of the cause of truth amongst us, report that different members of the committee have from time to time visited many of our meetings, and also families and individuals as way has opened for this labor; and we have reason to believe that this service of love has been alike satisfactory and encouraging to our number, and also to the visited.

The Committee are united in the

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them, and can state that the school has prospered during the past year in no ordinary degree. Entire harmony and cooperation in efforts to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment have prevailed among the officers, discipline has been well maintained, and the deportment of the scholars and progress in their studies have been satisfactory.

Although they can acknowledge with thankfulness that a good degree of health has prevailed during the year, yet one case of severe illness occurred during the Fall term which resulted fatally. It was thus reported by the Principal: "John Clapp Hussey, son of the late Geo. F. Hussey, of Peekskill, N. Y., died on the 29th of 11th month, 1870, from ulceration of the bowels. His end was peaceful, and he gave full evidence that he was accepted and his sins forgiven. Much sympathy was felt with the stricken widowed mother, who in the keenness of her anguish could yet say, 'He doeth all things well.'" In a minute made at a subsequent meeting the committee add, "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven."

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred seventy-nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy girls. Spring term, one hundred eighty, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy-one girls.

The officers of the school during the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Charles H. Gales, teacher of French; Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek and German during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year the following additional teachers have been employed, viz.: Alonzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; and John H. Burnham, teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons scripture lessons are given to the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the school before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have now to report that the net earnings of the school made up to the end of the school year, 6 mo. 28, 1870, as ascertained by the Auditing Committee, was $6,347.55, reducing the school debt at that time to $4,520.71.

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of		$5,215.00
Less paid cost of apparatus for extinguishing fires,	$514.14	
Less paid for gravel walk in front of school buildings,	329.20	
		843.34
Balance of earnings less improvements,		$4,371.66
School debt 6 mo., 1870,		4,520.71
School debt 6 mo., 1871,		$149.05

The Auditing Committee has also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5th mo. 30, 1870,		$19.87
Income of the fund,		7,069.27
Insurance premium returned,		165.60
		$7,254.74

PAYMENTS.

Insurance premium paid,	$301.25	
B. N. & S. S. Lapham, fees in the case of Lloyd street lay out,	60.00	
Paid William A. Robinson, copy of deeds,	3.60	
Paid A. K. Smiley, per receipts,	6,872.83	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	17.06	
		7,254.74

CHARITABLE FUNDS, AND E. METCALF AND OTHER DONATIONS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5 mo. 30, 1870,		$960.87
Income of the funds,		2,528.86
		$3,489.73
Paid school bills,	$2,280.00	
Balance on hand,	1,209.73	
		3,489.73

The income from the above fund will probably warrant the admission of twenty scholars the ensuing year.

Approximate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the boarding school for the year ending 6 mo. 25th, 1870:

RECEIPTS.

Tuition Autumn term,	$18,500.00	
Tuition Spring term,	18,780.00	
From the fund, deducting insurance,	6,831.45	
		$44,111.45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	$16,072.05	
Wages,	3,954.00	
Provisions,	10,707.16	
Repairs,	3,258.45	
Fuel $2,061.34, light $907.68,	2,969.02	
Library,	180.13	
Incidentals,	663.09	
Profits,	6,347.55	
		$44,151.45

The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved the attention of the Committee has been turned to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodation of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are now insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unsuitable and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments.

A larger and better ventilated school-room for the boys is much wanted, and may be set down as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance. Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining rooms used by the scholars are crowded and increased room for this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises.

To effect these objects we would recommend that the Committee that may be appointed to have the charge of the school the ensuing year be authorized, when the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such improvements as are actually needed by an addition to the present building and such alterations in the present arrangements as in their judgment will promote the welfare and best interests of the Institution.

Since our last report a street has been laid out by the city authorities of Providence through the North-west part of the school premises on land purchased of the heirs of Thomas Halsey, occupying about 45,000 square feet, for which an award has been made to the Yearly Meeting of $3,000.00; and the Committee have been informed that the Water Commissioners of Providence are desirous of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from the school farm by the street above mentioned, containing 70,931 square feet, (about $1\frac{5}{8}$ acres.) Owing to its shape and situation between two streets this lot would be expensive to enclose and inconvenient to cultivate, and the Committee therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the benefit of the Institution, believing that by so doing the best interest of the school with respect to the present generation of scholars will be materially promoted, as well as the welfare of all connected with the establishment.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks be as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. The first half year begins 9 mo. 6, 1871; closes 1 mo. 24, 1872.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 24, 1872; closes 2 mo. 7, 1872.
The second half year begins 2 mo. 7, 1872; closes 6 mo. 26, 1872.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportional share of advantage.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

in the belief that usefulness would result from the appointment of a committee more particularly for the purpose of visiting our several meetings, and Friends and others in their families, and to labor for their encouragement, to consider one another, to excite unto love and good works.

On behalf of the Committee
Henry T Wood
Falmouth 1mo 6. 1871 Dorcas F Tucker

which being considered was accepted, and in accordance therewith, we appoint Wm Taber, Henry T Wood, David K Akin, Otis Slocum, Daniel Swift, Edward G Dillingham, Josiah Holmes Jr, Newell Hoxie, Nathan T Shepherd, Chas. R Tucker, Wm P Macomber and Matthew Howland, to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, to labor for the growth and advancement of Friends in our subordinate meetings in the truth, and they are encouraged to visit them in both their meetings and families, in tender affectionate love, in order that an increase of our Saviors love may be witnessed.

And we commend them to the care of the great Shepherd the Bishop of souls, with desires that they may look singly unto Him for strength and ability to perform what may seem to be required of them by their Lord and Master

And our Monthly Meetings are encouraged as way opens for it, to appoint a few friends to labor in unison with the Committee in promoting the concern of the Quarterly Meeting.

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Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting have come to hand consisting of the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, and 400. copies of the printed minutes of that meeting, with directions that they be sent down to our Mo. Meetings in the usual proportions for distribution.

The Boarding School report being read was interesting and satisfactory to us.

Our business being accomplished in much love, having we trust witnessed the presence of our Divine Master we separate, proposing to meet at Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord permit.

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

Stock	Sandwich	13 per ct.
	Pembroke	2 "
	Dartmouth	13 "
	Westport	4 "
	New Bedford	68 "
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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 5 1871.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz;

From Sandwich. Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley and Jona. Boyce.
" Pembroke Nathan T. Shepherd
" Dartmouth Isaac R. Gifford, Tucker Smith & Ephraim Gifford
" Westport. Caleb Macomber, Gideon Gifford
" New Bedford, Rufus Shearman

Gideon Wood. Joseph R Wing and Seth L Swift. who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First. Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

We have in attendance our beloved friends ~~Cyrus~~ Silas H Cartland from Limington Monthly Meeting Lydia A Cartland from the same Monthly Meeting. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, and Sarah Ellen Varney from China Monthly Meeting Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. They produce satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings. Their company and religious labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each.

Phebe R Cartland from Durham Monthly Meeting attended this meeting as companion to S E Varney. Her company has been acceptable to friends.

Eight Hundred & ninety copies of the London General Epistle for 1870 have been received and directed to be sent down to our Monthly Meetings in the usual proportion for distribution among our members and others.

The committee appointed in the 7th month. to advise with friends of Westport Monthly Meeting in relation to their Meeting House, presented the following report which being read and considered | is acceptable to

Silas H Cartland
Lydia A Cartland
Sarah Ellen Varney

Phebe R Cartland

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the meeting and friends are encouraged to render them some assistance towards meeting the expenses which may be incurred.

To the Quarterly Meeting,

The committee appointed to advise with Friends of Westport respecting the condition of their meeting house and to inform this meeting of our judgment, report that we have attended ~~that~~ Monthly meeting with much satisfaction, and have also consulted Friends there upon the subject. We are united in judgment that the house is in need of repairs, and would propose the following

Committee on Westport Meeting House

That the covering of shingles upon the roof and walls be entirely renewed, and that new windows and window frames be put in. The present fireplaces are not used and take up much room. We recommend their removal and the substitution of small chimneys to receive stove pipes. To a considerable extent if not wholly, we think the house should be reseated, and the entire over head ceiling must be newly plastered. We also propose that the sliding partition be renewed so that it may be raised wholly from the floor.

These necessary repairs will cost it is estimated, about Fifteen hundred dollars

We believe that to many within the limits of Westport Monthly Meeting, the cause of Truth is increasingly dear.

It is hoped that Friends there may be encouraged to contribute freely to this repair for the cause's sake; and while we are not prepared to recommend the Quarterly Meeting to assume a portion of the expense, we trust that Friends, in the different Monthly Meetings will cheerfully render some assistance should it be found necessary

9mo 5 1871 Otis Slocum
(Signed) David K Akin
Edw. G Dillingham
Henry T Wood
for the committee

Lemuel Gifford

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford a minister in unity with us informed this meeting that he felt drawn in the love of the gospel to make a religious visit within the limits of the Quarterly Meetings of Cornwall, Westbury, Purchase and Ninepartners, New York, as set forth in a certificate granted him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which was fully united with and he was encouraged to attend to the work to which he felt himself called, and the Clerk is directed to indorse the substance of this minute on said Certificate and sign it on our behalf.

After completing our business and having enjoyed a season as we trust of renewed mercy and blessing from our dear Lord and Master, we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th month if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo 7 1871.

By reports received from our several Monthly Meetings we find that the following friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz;

From Sandwich, Joseph Ewer, Obadiah Gifford, Lemuel Gifford
" Pembroke, James West, Jos. R. Shepherd.
" Dartmouth, Ephraim Gifford, Henry Smith, George Allen.
" Westport, Daniel Macomber, Jas. A Gifford
" New Bedford, Wm. C. Taber, Benj. Buffum, Joshua L. Macomber and Edw. T. Dillingham, who are present.

The queries have been read, with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Silas H. Cartland and Lydia A. Cartland

Our beloved friends Silas H Cartland and his wife Lydia A. Cartland who attended our Quarterly Meeting in the tenth month with certificates from Limington Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present engagements, are acceptably with us at this time.

Lemuel Gifford

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned to this meeting an endorsement furnished him in the tenth month to a certificate granted him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. He informed friends that he had been enabled to perform the service which he felt required of him, and to return with the sweet reward of peace.

Our business having been accomplished, and having witnessed as we trust the owning presence of our Lord and Master, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the 4 mo next if the Lord permit.

[illegible] Edward R. Tucker Clerk

1872 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of F.
4mo Friends held at New Bedford [illegible]

By reports received from our several
monthly Meetings it appears that they have
appointed the following named Friends
representatives to this meeting, viz:—
From Sandwich, David K Aikin, Newell
Hoxie, Arnold Gifford
" Pembroke Nathan T Sheppard,
Samuel [illegible]
" Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford, Geo W
Francis, Daniel K Aikin.
" Westport Nathaniel Gifford, James
A Gifford
" New Bedford Rufus Shearman, Joseph
[illegible]
[illegible]
who are all present

The time for which the
clerk of this meeting was appointed
having expired [illegible] on behalf
of the representatives proposed [illegible]
[illegible] for
assistant which being approved they are
appointed to those stations for one year, or
till another appointment

The queries have been read with answers
from all our Monthly Meetings a summary
of which was approved and directed to be
forwarded to the yearly meeting. We appoint
our friends Joseph Grinnell, Edw W
Holland, Jos. T. Tillinghast, Amasa Gifford,
Otis Slocum, Dan B Akin, Rufus Shearman
Saml Gifford, Bernard Macomber, Wm Wood,
David Kelley and Newell Hoxie to attend that
meeting as our representatives

A testimony from New Bedford Mo
Meeting concerning our beloved friend

1872 4 m Susan Howland deceased, was read and approved, which the clerks were directed to sign and forward to the Meeting for Sufferings

Susan Howland

All our Monthly Meetings report payment of their proportion of Stock.

Susan Howland, a minister & member of New Bedford Mo Meeting, deceased 1 m 19, 1872 aged 80 yrs 2 months & 3 days

Abigail Crowell

Abigail Crowell an elder and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 1 mo 2 1872 aged 86 yrs 8 months and seven days.

Gen^l Meetings

Two of our Mo Meetings, having proposed for our consideration the subject of holding general Meetings for divine worship within our limits, after a time of solid deliberation we were united to ask the Yearly Meeting to take this proposition under prayerful consideration, and if approved the meetings to be held under the care of such committees as that meeting may direct—

Stock

Our proportion of Yr Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting

We are informed that the North Preparative Meeting in Dartmouth has been united with the South Preparative Meeting, and the week day meetings at Newtown discontinued in Preparative meeting week.

Com to assist

We appoint Alvah Holway, Arnold Gifford Nathan C Hubbard Stephen Gifford Gideon Gifford Rufus Shearman Isaac Howland and Isaac Barney to render such aid as may be necessary to Friends in straitened circumstances, who are concerned to attend the Yr Meeting and draw upon our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The following account to the Yr Meeting

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was read and approved.

To the Yr Meeting of Friends for New England, to be held in Rhode Island ~~for~~ in the sixth month next.

Dear Friends.

Acct to Yr Meety

Since our last report, we have received from your meeting, extracts from your records embracing the report of the Boarding School committee. which was read giving an interesting account of that Institution; and 400 copies of the printed minutes was also received for direction of the Meeting for Sufferings, & 850 copies of the [illegible] of the 5th mo 1870 which were sent down to our subordinate meetings for distribution all of which was satisfactory to us.

The queries were read with answers from all of our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you. We have appointed our friends [illegible] Edward W. Howland, Joseph S. [illegible], [illegible], Otis Slocum, Daniel [illegible], Rufus Shearman, Samuel Gifford, [illegible] and [illegible] Kelley and Newell Hoxie our representatives to the Yr Meeting

Susan Howland, a minister and a member of New Bedford Mo Meeting, deceased 1mo 19th 1872 aged 80 years 2 months and 3 days

Abigail Crowell, an Elder and a member of Sandwich Mo Meeting died [illegible] 1872 aged 86 years 8 months and [illegible]

1872 Our proportion of Stock called for by the minute of last year has been paid to our Treasurer.

This Meeting was united "women friends concurring herein" to ask the Yearly Meeting

Genl Meetings to take into prayerful consideration the subject of holding general meetings for divine worship within its limits, at such times, and at such places, as the meeting may think best, hoping that such meetings may tend to awaken the careless and indifferent and to strengthen those who are laboring in the vineyard of their Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 4 1872 by
Chas R Tucker
Clerk

Sandwich 2nd Answers

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except in two small meetings, which were omitted on four occasions, in consequence of inclement weather, and on one occasion on account of a funeral.

On First-days they have been attended by nearly all our members; those meetings held in the middle of the week, and those for discipline, are much neglected by a few. The hour is well observed. A few not wholly preserved from sleeping — no other unbecoming behavior — some care extended.

2d. Love and unity appears to be maintained with some exceptions in two Mo. Meetings. Detraction is in a good degree guarded against. Measures are taken to end differences when they appear

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3d Friends with few exceptions we believe are in a good measure concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to guard them against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th Friends are careful in the observance of the several parts of this query, with the exception in one Mo Meeting of one case of the improper use of spirituous liquor, and a few instances of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession -

5th Clear in the several parts of this query.

6th With few exceptions in two Mo Meetings Friends are careful in the requirements of this query.

7th. Clear excepting one instance of a military nature.

8th Clear.

9th Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment, we trust, in the authority of truth.

Our business having been accomplished we conclude under a sweet covering we trust, of the Lord's Spirit, proposing to meet again in the 7th mo next at Falmouth if permitted so to do.

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Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning Susan Howland

Testimony
Susan
Howland

As one after another the faithful followers of the Lamb, are called to come up higher, and are received into the church triumphant, the militant church responds by an acknowledgment of its loss, and calls upon its members to double their diligence in the accomplishment of their appointed work on earth.

As the account goes up to our Yearly Meeting of the decease of our beloved friend Susan Howland, we are reminded of the words of the Psalmist in connection with her experience; "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," and of the prophet Isaiah when giving the invitation "Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. Not a few among us can bear testimony to her love for her friends, and her deep and abiding interest, and faithful participation in the deliberations and labors of our annual assemblies in which she was called to act as assistant clerk and clerk during many years.

She was the daughter of Cornelius and Rhoda Howland, and was born in New-Bedford 11mo 16th 1791. The child of pious parents, her religious training brought forth early fruit; and, in later life, she was often heard to speak of the religious impressions received, while seated on her father's knee, she listened to the reading of the bible, and learned to love 1873 her Father in Heaven, who visited her young heart with the dayspring from on high.

Thus was she tenderly nurtured in early youth among loving relatives and friends, until her marriage with the late George Howland, when little more than eighteen years of age.

Her first appearance in the ministry was in 1813 but her health being delicate and her family cares and duties pressing and imperative, her labors in the gospel were principally confined for some years to her own meeting and neighborhood. She was recorded a minister in 1822.

From this time, as opportunity offered, and her health permitted, she was diligent in her attention to the calls of apprehended duty in visiting meetings and families, being mindful also to entertain strangers, and to exercise without grudging the hospitality of her comfortable home. Her disposition was eminently social, affectionate and sympathizing; and her interest in all that concerned the welfare of those among whom her lot was cast, was very endearing. Of her it might truly be said, as formerly of a minister of the church at Cenchrea, "She was a succorer of many." For the delicate and often trying service of visiting families she was specially gifted, and in this field of labor she was largely exercised both in her native land and abroad. Her diligence in and qualification for this work called forth the wondering admiration of

1872 those who witnessed it, while her sympathetic nature and gentle spirit gave her sweet access to the hearts of the bereaved and sorrowing. She was a frequent and welcome visitor to the chamber of sickness and suffering. Possessed of a ready sympathy with the afflicted, and dwelling near to the source of all true consolation and hope, she was enabled to soothe the pains of the body, and to lead the troubled soul to that Saviour in whom alone it could find assurance and peace.

In the year 1848 she laid before this monthly meeting a prospect, which had been with her for many years of a visit to Friends in England Scotland and Ireland. To her great joy and comfort her husband united with her therein, and joint certificates of the unity of their friends were furnished them. They embarked in the 8th month 1848, and after a solemn parting with a large company of friends and relatives who went with them to the ship, they were favored with a prosperous voyage, and a kind reception in a foreign land. During this visit they attended London & Dublin Yearly Meetings, and most of the meetings of Friends in the United Kingdom.

Returning the following year our dear friend was much engaged in religious service in this and other Yearly Meetings in this country and Canada.

In the 5th month 1852 George Howland was removed by death, and in him our dear friend lost a judicious counsellor and efficient helper in her Christian labors. His fidelity to, and participation in this work of the Lord was greatly blessed to him, calling him away from worldly cares and pursuits, and tending to draw his affections heavenward: so that when summoned to leave his beloved family and his earthly possessions it was with the testimony that his most valued treasure was in Heaven, and with an assured hope through pardoning mercy of an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although thus deprived of her chief outward stay other helpers were raised up for her in the work to which she was called in the gospel, and it was not long interrupted.

In the year 1856 she was again set at liberty to visit Europe; and found in her sister Lydia Congdon a most efficient, sympathizing and faithful companion. During this absence, continued through three years Susan Howland visited every meeting and nearly every family ~~of~~ of Friends in England and Scotland; extensively in Ireland and the Friends in France and Germany. The result of these arduous labors will only be known in eternity. Her record is on high. Numerous testimonials have been furnished to the power of that Grace, which made her what she was, and "which was not bestowed in vain". The friendships formed during these visits were numerous and lasting, giving rise to a very extensive correspondence, maintained through succeeding years to her great enjoyment and comfort.

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When favoured to return in 6th month 1859 to the bosom of her family and friends her peace did flow as a river. Her home, her children, the beauties of the natural world, the dew of Heaven and the fulness of the earth, all seemed given her anew to enjoy to the uttermost; and she realized the fulfilment of the promise of the hundred fold to those, who leave all to follow Christ.

In various religious labors, in social visits to her children in their widely scattered homes, where her numerous descendants, so dear to her heart's best affection gathered about her in loving welcome; in renewing the intercourse with beloved ones of her own and other Yearly Meetings; in visiting the sick and afflicted, and in dispensing with liberal hand the hospitalities and charities of her own home were passed the remaining years of her earthly pilgrimage.

Her last extended religious engagement was visiting the Quarterly Meetings belonging to her own Yearly Meeting; and before this was fully completed there were indications of the decline of powers which had been somewhat overtasked in her earnestness to finish her "day's work in the daytime".

She gradually withdrew from the field of public labor; and although giving many satisfactory evidences, that while her flesh and her heart were failing God was the strength of her heart and her portion forever, her voice so often lifted up in the assemblies of the people for counsel, encouragement, and consolation, was heard no longer from the accustomed place; and her supplications to the throne of grace earnestly pleading for a blessing on the Church, her friends and her family ascended only from the closet, yet heard and known of Him whose covenant is with the night as with the day.

after about three years of seclusion in her own home she was most gently released from the shackles of mortality on the 19th day of the 1st mo 1872, and her ransomed spirit joined the blood bought throng in Heaven.

May those who are left a little longer to labor and to wait, be encouraged by her example of single hearted consecration to the service of the Saviour, whom she loved and in whom she trusted, and who fullfiled his promises most richly in her experience. "The work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever".

Signed in behalf of New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 3d mo 28th 1872.

Matthew Howland
Anna G Wood
Clerks.

Our business having been accomplished, we conclude under a sweet covering we trust of the Lord's Spirit, proposing to meet again in the 7th mo next at Falmouth if permitted so to do.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

1872 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
7mo held at Falmouth 7m 4. 1872.
By the reports from our several Mo Meetings
it appears that the following friends are ap-
pointed Representatives to this Meeting viz:-
From Sandwich David K Akin, James E
Gifford Joseph Hoxie.
Pembroke James West Nathan T Sheppard
Falmouth Henry Smith, Ephm Gifford
Otis Slocum.
Westport Nathaniel Gifford John A Macomber
New Bedford Rufus Chapman Wm C Taber.
Edward G Gillingham & Henry T Wood
whose names being called, they are present
Except one. A reason was given for his
absence.

Lindley M Hoag We have at this Meeting our beloved
friends Lindley Hoag from Ricksylvania
Mo Meeting and Honey Creek Quarterly
Meeting Iowa
Lewis Bedell Lewis Bedell from Poughkeepsie Mo Meeting
and Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting, New
York
Zacheus M Powell Zacheus H Powell from Scipio Mo Meeting
and Scipio Quarterly Meetings New York
who produced satisfactory certificates from
their respective Meetings. Their company and
and religious services have been acceptable
to us. The clerk is directed to furnish them
with copies of this as it relates to each
respectively.

C B Thorne Chauncey B Thorne attended this Meeting
as companion to our friend Zacheus H
Powell with a minute of concurrence from
Scipio Mo Meeting. His company has been
acceptable to us.
The Queries with answers from our

Mo Meetings to the Qr Mtg have been read. 1872

Our representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance, except one, for whose absence a reason was given.

By the following communication from our last Yearly Meeting, it appears that our proportion of Stock called by that Meeting is $1550.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

At New England Yearly Meeting held in the Sixth month 1872

It was concluded to raise for the service of the Meeting the present year 5000 dollars and our Quarterly Stock Meetings were directed to forward their respective quotas of that sum to Geo. Howland Jr our Treasurer.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting's quota 31 per cent - $1550.

Extracted from the minutes
Charles R Tucker.
Clerk

The auditors of this Meeting presented the following report, showing a balance in the hands of our Treasurer of $276 68/100 dollars. –

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the account of Matthew Howland, Treasurer; and found it correct. The payments are properly vouched; and there is a balance in his hands of 276 68/100 dollars

Wm C Taber
Chas R Tucker
Auditors.

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Stock

Wm C Taber in behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing that $2.000 be raised for the service of this Meeting the present year, and Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which was united with, and Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year

Our several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to our Treasurer their respective proportions of $2.000, the sum proposed to be raised.

The committee appointed in the 7th month last year to visit our subordinate Meetings and individuals as may appear fit in Gospel love made the following report viz: —

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which being read and considered was interesting and encouraging to the Meeting, and we now appoint on that service for the ensuing year, Wm. C. Taber, David K. Akin, Henry Ward, Obed Slocum, Daniel Swift Jr. Edward G. Gillingham, Josiah Holmes Jr. Lowell Hoxie, Nathan T. Sheppard, Chas. R. Tucker, Wm. P. Macomber and Matthew Howland to unite with a similar committee of women friends, and we desire ~~their~~ their encouragement, that they may, as ability may be afforded them, not only labor for the growth in the truth of our own members, but for those who in days past, have been either connected or associated with friends in order that they may be brought to a knowledge of the love of God; and dear friends don't stop there, but remember that all men have souls to be saved. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to aid this Committee by the appointment of a committee or otherwise as in their judgment will best promote the religious growth of friends and others.

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We have received from our last Yearly Meeting, the report of the Boarding School Committee, which being read is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting; and 400 copies of the printed minutes of that Meeting, 1000 copies of the London General Epistle for 1871, which are to be sent down to our subordinate meetings in the usual proportions for distribution.

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Extracts

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We are informed by the following minute that the Yearly Meeting has completed the revision of its discipline, viz:—

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,
Held in the sixth month 1872.

Revision of Discipline

Revision of Discipline.

The several articles which have been adopted by this meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them, and also copies of the work. We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T Wood, and William C Taber, to cause an edition of 1,000 copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate Meetings with the number of copies required for their use. The balance of the edition to be placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, to be sold to our members at cost.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker, Clerk

Which is satisfactory to us, and our clerk is directed to give this information to our Mo Meetings.

The following minute from our late Yearly Meeting has been received at this time viz.—

At New England Yearly Meeting
of Friends,
Held in the sixth month 1872,

General Meetings.

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By the reports received from four of our Quarterly Meetings, a request was contained therein that this meeting would take under solid and prayerful consideration the subject of holding General Meetings for Divine worship within its limits, under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. This subject being one of vital importance, the meeting during the consideration of it was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression ✗ was given in favor of granting the request, and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this meeting are requested to confer together, and (to) present to a future sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting. And when permission is granted for holding such meetings, it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the meeting under their care and direction; and they are to report to this meeting next year.

Agr Meetgs minute on Genl Meetings

Names of Committee.– George Bowen, Gideon C Smith, Experience Bowen, Gertrude

1874 W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, William C. Taber, David K Akin, Anna G Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice L Cartland, Richard Bailey, Samuel H Colton, Ann K Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H Pratt, Martha E Pratt, Hannah G Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Chas F Coffin, [illegible], Lavinia W Briggs, Hannah F Bailey, Abner Slade, Thomas E Steere, Stephen Borden, Edward W Howland, Rachel S Howland, Maria B Jones, Eliza P Gardner and Ruth S Wood

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting
Charles R Tucker, Clerk.

Which subject claiming our solid deliberation we are united in feeling and sympathy, with this important concern; and in accordance with the recommendation we appoint David Kelly, Nathan T Shepard, Ephm Gifford, Wm P Macomber, Matthew Howland, Josiah Holmes Jr, Edward W Dillingham, [illegible] Wing, Amelia Gifford, John H Macomber, Elis Slocum, Charles R Tucker to unite and labor with the Yearly Meeting's Committee, in the establishment and holding of General Meetings for divine worship, when any of our Monthly Meetings may make a request for the holding of such a meeting - and we desire that this committee may seek to know the mind of truth before moving in this weighty engagement, remembering that we are only a branch of that Church of which Christ, our Saviour, our only redeemer, is the great head. They are desired to report to this meeting their proceedings.

Dartmouth Monthly Meetings in their report have asked for a new apportionment of Stock amongst our several Monthly Meetings, the consideration of which is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting. 1872

Our business has been accomplished. The meeting has been one of harmony and love, and we trust it has been owned by our Lord. We separate purposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo next, if permitted so to do.

attest Charles Rd Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo 3d 1872 — 1872 10 mo 3d

Reports were received from all our Monthly Meetings, by which it appears that the following friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz:-

From Sandwich Allen Kelley, David Kelley, Prince G. Moore,
" Pembroke James West, Nathan H. Shepherd,
" Dartmouth Isaac R. Potter, Moses Smith, Tucker Smith
" Westport - Benja Davis, Gideon Gifford
" New Bedford " Henry T. Wood, Joseph Grinnell, Joshua L. Macomber, and Richard Davis.

Who are present.

The queries have been read with answers from our several Mo Meetings to the 1. 2 & 10th.

This meeting unites with Dartmouth Mo Meeting, in acknowledging the

1872 Gift and approving the public Ministry
Geo W of George W Frances, having the concurrence
Francis of the Womens Meeting.
approved The Clerk is directed to give this inf-
ormation to the Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders.

Amos Our beloved friends Amos Bond
Bond from Deer Creek Mo Meeting and
Mississinnawa Qr Meeting Indiana;
Joel Joel Bean and his wife Hannah
Bean E Bean from Springdale Mo Meeting
& and Springdale Qr Meeting Iowa;
wife Margaret A Hathaway from Farmington
Margaret Mo Meeting N York; and Mary E
A Hathaway Bowman, from Rollin Mo Meeting
Michigan, attended this Meeting
Mary with satisfactory testimonials from
E their respective Meetings. Their Com
Bowman pany and Religious labors have
been acceptable to us; and the
Clerk is directed to furnish them
with copies of this minute, so
far as it relates to each respectively.

A new apportionment of Stock
as requested by Dartmouth Mo
Meeting is referred to our next
Meeting-

Our business being accomplished,
and having as we trust witnessed the
presence of the Lord to be in our
midst, we separate, proposing to
meet at New Bedford in the 12th
month next.

Atts Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 5th 1872.

We are informed by the accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, that they have appointed the Friends named below their Representatives to this Meeting viz; — From Sandwich, David Kelley, Jonathan Boyce, Lemuel Gifford. From Pembroke; — James West, Nathan T Shepherd. From Dartmouth; — Charles Fisher, Benjamin Anthony, Tucker Smith. From Westport; — Daniel Macomber, Gideon Gifford. From New Bedford; — Rufus Sherman, John Wood, Peleg Slocum, & Jonathan Bowen; who are all present.

Book of discipline Recd

A copy of the Book of Discipline as revised by our last Yearly Meeting, having been received at this time, it now becomes the Discipline of this Meeting, in accordance with the minute of the Yearly Meeting made at that time.

Tho B Nichols

Our beloved friend, Thomas B Nichols, attended this Meeting, and presented a certificate from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister & with his present engagements. His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend, Margaret A Hathaway, who attended this Meeting in the 10th month, with a certificate, which was

1877 duly accredited is again acceptably with us.

Dartmouth Change of hour

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informs, that they had changed the hour in holding the meetings on First day morning in Smith's Neck and Allen's Neck from 11 to 10½ o'clock A.M.

The clerk reports, that he has informed the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that George W. Francis had been recorded a minister.

The Queries have been read with answers from our Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th.

Wm P. Macomber

Our beloved friend, William P. Macomber, informed the Meeting that for some time he had felt that his Divine Master required of him in the love of the Gospel to visit the Quarterly Meetings of Farmington N.Y., and Adrian, Michigan, and the meetings constituting them, and such other religious service as may be required of him, as set forth in a certificate granted him by Westport Monthly Meeting; which after due consideration was fully united with, and he was encouraged to proceed therein as the Master may direct.

Stock

The request referred from our last Meeting in relation to apportionment of stock, as asked for by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, is referred to the Representatives of this Meeting in the 7th month next year when the subject of stock is considered by them, and report their judgment to the Quarterly Meeting at that time.

Our business has been accomplished, and we adjourn under a precious feeling of love, proposing to meet again in the

4th mo next at this place if the Lord permit   381
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Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 3d 1873
By reports received from all our Mo Meetings we are informed that they have appointed the following named Friends Representatives to this meeting, viz: -

From Sandwich - David K Aikin Newell Hoxie, Mettiah Gifford
" Pembroke - Nathan T Shepherd & Jos R Shepherd
" Dartmouth - George W Francis, Jon^a Kirby - Daniel B. Akin.
" Westport - Gideon Gifford, Wm P Macomber
" New Bedford - Henry T Wood, Jos [illegible] Jn^th Bonne & Ed G Dillingham
who are present

The time for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired David K Akin on behalf of the Representatives proposed Chas R Tucker for clerk and Matthew Howland for assistant Clerk which being approved they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

We have in the attendance of this meeting Rufus P. King Rufus P King from Walnutridge Mo and Chs C Walnutridge Qr Meeting Indiana - Chas C Varney, Varney of China Mo Meeting New England, Eliz L Comstock Elizabeth L Comstock from Rollin Mo ~~Meeting~~ and Adrian Qr meeting Mich - They presented

1873 certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively.

Our beloved friend Margaret H Hathaway who attended this Qr Meeting in the 11th / 12th month last is acceptably with us at this time.

Stock Our several Mo Meetings report that they have paid or directed the payment of their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

Yr Stock Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

Jos Kempton Joseph Kempton, an Elder and a member of New Bedford Mo Meeting deceased 8m 22. 1872 aged 80 years 7 mos 3 days

Wm P Howland Wm P Howland an Elder and a member of the same meeting died 9m 29. 1872 aged 59 years 11 m 10 days.

Eliz Swift Elizabeth Swift an Elder and a member of Sandwich Mo Meeting deceased 11m 5. 1872 aged 79 yrs 11 m and 3 days.—

Mary Hoag Sandwich reports that Mary Hoag a minister has removed to reside within the limits of Oblong [illegible] Mo Meeting N.Y.

David Dudley and that David Dudley a minister has removed to reside in Springfield Mo Meeting Kansas Qr Meeting—.

We appoint [illegible] [illegible], Arnold Gifford, H. T. [illegible] [illegible] Gifford, Gideon Gifford, J. B. Baylis, [illegible] Howland and [illegible] [illegible] to render such aid as may be necessary to friends in straitened circumstances who are concerned therefor to attend the Yr Meeting and draw upon our Treasurer for the required amount.   1873 4mo

The Queries with answers from all our Mo Meetings have been read, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yr meeting — We have appointed our friends [illegible] Grinnell, John S Dillingham, Edw W Howland, Edw G Dillingham, Saml Rodman, David K Akin, Lowell Hoxie, Arnold Gifford, Otis Slocum, Chas R Tucker, Zachariah Gifford, John H Fisher, Josiah Holmes Jr. — as representatives to the Yr Meeting —

Wm P Macomber returned to this meeting our endorsement furnished him in the 12th month for religious service as expressed therein, and informed us that although he had not accomplished all he had in view, but the work performed had given peace to his mind. He gave an interesting account of his visit, from which we believe the Lord in his goodness was his guide and support. — He presented also a minute from Adrian Qr meeting and the Mo meetings of Raisin and Adrian Michigan, all of which is interesting and satisfactory to us.   Wm P Macomber

The Committee appointed in the 7th mo upon the subject of holding Genl Meetings presented the following report —   Com on Genl meetings

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed at the 7th mo upon the subject of holding General meetings

Report,

That they have cooperated with the committee of the Yearly Meeting in holding two such meetings since our last — one at the

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[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible]. These meetings were conducted
in an orderly and becoming manner, and in
the judgment of the committee were seasons
owned and blest of the master, whose presence
was witnessed from sitting to sitting to be in
their midst. The attendance was large—
And we trust that many hearts during those
meetings were [illegible] blessings and drawn
nearer to the Saviour, and were strengthened to
openly acknowledge Christ.—

On behalf of the Committee
Matthew Howland
Ruth H Baker

New Bedford }
4 mo 2d 1873. }

It is an interesting and
encouraging to this meeting, and we trust
that its labours [illegible] [illegible] of
blessed results.

Acct to the Yr Meeting — The following account to the Yearly meeting was read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to that meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth month next.

Dear friends,

Since our last report we have received from your meeting [illegible] from your Records, embracing the [illegible] relating to the revision of its discipline. Copies of the work have been received by this and our subordinate meetings and accepted as the discipline and also the report of the Standing [illegible] Committee, which was read giving an interesting and satisfactory account of the

Constitution, and 4000 copies of the printed 1873
minutes of your meeting, with 1000 copies 4 mo
of the London General Epistle for 1872,
all of which were satisfactory to this
meeting.

The Queries were read with answers from all our Mo. Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends —
Joseph Hammett, Jos. L. Tillinghast,
Edward W. Howland, Edward T. Tillinghast,
Samuel Rodman, David K. Akin, Lowell
[illegible] Thomas Gifford, Elos Macomber, Robert
H. Tucker, Nathaniel Gifford, Wm. C. Tabor
and Josiah Holmes Jr. —
Our representatives to the Yearly Meeting —

This Meeting has united with [illegible] Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public ministry of Geo. W. [illegible]

Joseph Ricketson an Elder and a member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died 5 mo. 22. 1872 aged 80 yrs 7 mo. 3 days

Wm. P. Howland an Elder, and a member of the same meeting died 9 mo. 28. 1872 aged 57 yrs 11 mo. 10 days.

Elizabeth Swift an Elder and a member of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 11 mo. 2. 1872 aged 78 years 11 months 13 days

Sandwich reports that Henry Dean a minister had removed to reside within the limits of Oblong Mo. Meetings N. Y., and that David Dudley, a minister had removed to reside within the limits of Springfield Mo. Meeting Kansas

The proportion of Stock as per minute

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of last year has been sent to your Quarter[illegible]
The following statistical account con-
firms the changes &c during the past year
Number of Members in Eleventh mo 1872. 812

	Births.	Requests,	Certificates.	Deaths,	Removals,	disowned.		Present number
Sandwich	0	0	0	6	8	0	(27)	215
Pembroke	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2)	18
Dartmouth	0	3	2	8	1	0	(12)	91
Westport	0	0	0	4	1	0	(10)	75
New Bedford	3	12	3	16	4	1	(13)	387
	3	15	5	34	14	1		786

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Summary

Answer 1st All our meetings for worship & our for discipline have been regularly ~~obeyed~~ held, and on First day mornings most Friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the time appointed. Other meetings for worship and for discipline are neglected by some.

Clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained with the exception of difficulties existing in one Mo Meeting which is under notice. Friends appear mostly careful to guard against detraction.

No differences are reported among us.

3d. Most of our members are, we believe, concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and, with a considerable number, an increasing engagement is apparent in this respect, and these are endeavoring by example and precept, to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession; while a few appear somewhat remiss in these important duties.

4th. The daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures collectively in the families of Friends [illegible] in this general among us, [illegible] we believe that many of our members are concerned to peruse them individually in private. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry appears to be generally maintained with but one exception in one Monthly Meeting of contributing to a paid ministry.

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5th. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage appears to be avoided with four exceptions in two Monthly Meetings. Careful with respect to amusements and diversions [illegible] character with a few exceptions. Moderation is generally observed.

6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. The education of their children is provided for.

7th. Clear, with slight exception in one Mo Meeting.

8th. A little exception is noted in one Mo Meeting. Otherwise is clear in the several parts of the Query.

9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates are under notice.

10th. Friends have, we trust, administered the discipline in Christian tenderness and with impartiality, and endeavors have also been used to bestow timely care. Judgment has we trust been placed when necessary, in the authority of truth and according to the discipline.

We appoint Lowell Ross, David F. Akin, Wm P. Davis, Nathan J. Shepherd, Jos H. Sheppard, Geo W. Francis, Isaac H. Foster, Isaac H. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], John H. [illegible], Jos B. [illegible] and Jos. B. Baylies a committee to carry out the

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provisions in our printed book of discipline relating to our Records as stated on pages 88 and 125, in our several Mo. Meetings, and to furnish the Clerk of this Meeting as early as the 20th of 5th month with the statistics which are required to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Our business being accomplished, and having enjoyed a precious season of harmony and love we adjourn to meet at Falmouth in the 7th month next, if the Lord permit –

atts Charles R Tucker
Clerk –

[illegible]

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth, 7th mo 3. 1873.

By the Reports from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:
From Sandwich – David K Akin, Jonathan Boyce, Joseph Hoxie.
From Pembroke – James West, Nathan T Shepherd
From Dartmouth – Otis Slocum, Isaac R Gifford, Moses Smith.
From Westport – John A Macomber, Gideon Gifford.
From New Bedford – Rufus Sherman, Edw^d^ G Tillinghast, Jonathan Cowen, James M Tripp and Joseph S Tillinghast, who are present.

Jonathan
Devol

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devoll attended this Meeting with a certificate of unity from Friends of Moreau Monthly

THE COMMITTEE

IN CHARGE OF OUR BOARDING SCHOOL

Submitted the subjoined report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee in charge of the boarding school at Providence report that attention has been given to the object of their appointment, and that it gives them much satisfaction to state that the institution has, with the divine blessing, continued to prosper. The enlarged accommodations for the pupils, and the improved arrangements made last season for their comfort and convenience, have proved quite equal to the expectations formed.

The rooms in the boys' wing which had been deficient are now very complete. Their school-room is seventy-two feet by forty, with the ceiling seventeen feet high, open to the light on three sides, and well ventilated. Their class rooms are spacious and convenient. There are twenty-eight lodging-rooms in the new building, which with those reported last year will lodge one hundred thirty boys and their caretakers. A commodious dining-room, seventy feet by forty, in the basement of the boys' wing, which will seat all the pupils under the direct supervision of their teachers, has been fitted up, and is now in satisfactory occupation. The committee feel that they can commend the establishment to the favorable notice of Friends, on account of its superior advantages for promoting the health, comfort and well-being of the pupils, the good order that is maintained among them, and for the satisfactory moral and religious influence which prevails both among them and the officers of the school.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred and five, viz., one hundred thirty boys and seventy-five girls. Spring term, two hundred six, viz., one hundred thirty boys and seventy-six girls.

The officers of the school the year now drawing to a close have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John Rowell, George E. Dudley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of natural science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on history; and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing. And the committee feel it right to acknowledge their faithful services, as evinced by the satisfactory progress of the pupils in their studies.

The pupils and family attend the meeting for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons the pupils are exercised with scripture lessons. Portions of scripture are daily read at the breakfast table, and also by the assembled school before retiring for the night.

Although no cases of severe illness have occurred the past year, yet during the Spring term there were very many cases of juvenile diseases which required an unusual amount of care and attention on the part of the nurses and family, and the additional rooms and appliances provided for the sick have proved eminently useful.

The payments made on account of the new buildings, alterations in the dining and class-rooms, new drains, steam heating apparatus, introducing aqueduct water, &c., as reported by the building committee, amount to $43,124.92.

The present indebtedness of the school, 6th mo. 3, 1873, is as follows:

Due the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting for money loaned by him,	$18,720.00	
For interest,	374.33	$19,094.33
Due A. K. Smiley for bills paid by him,		2,445.02
Due additional drain to connect with sewer on Arlington street,		700.00
		$22,239.35
Less.—Estimated amount of earnings of the school the present year, to be applied to the reduction of the above debt,		6,050.00
Net amount of indebtedness,		$16,189.35

The auditing committee has presented statements of the reeeipts and expenditures of the school fund and of the charitable fund, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations. They are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance of this fund last year,	$18.38	
Income from the fund,	6,272.26	$6,290.64

Paid insurance premium,	$305.00		
Less premium returned,	139.95	$165.05	
Paid A. K. Smiley,		6,125.59	$6,290.64

CHARITABLE FUNDS.

Balance on hand last year, 5th mo., 1872,	$819.25	
Income from the fund,	2,024.76	$2,844.01
Paid school bills,	2,000.00	
Balance on hand 5th mo., 1873,	844.01	$2,844.01

It is thought that twenty pupils may be admitted on the fund the ensuing year.

The expenditures of the school the present year for provisions, wages, salaries and annual repairs, as near as can now be ascertained, have been $43,092.09; and the average number of pupils attending it 186⅔, which gives the cost of board and tuition for each pupil to be $230.74 for the school year of forty weeks.

It is with satisfaction the committee can state that the percentage of Friends' children belonging to this Yearly Meeting in attendance the present year has been larger than for many years past.

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued the ensuing year, viz.:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
To all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

By direction of the committee.

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

Providence, 6th mo. 3, 1873.

Note.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 3, 1873, and closes 1 mo. 21, 1874.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 21, 1874, and closes 2 mo. 4, 1874.
The Spring term begins 2 mo. 4, 1874, and closes 6 mo. 24, 1874.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the fifth of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Meeting, New York, His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us. 1873 [illegible] [illegible]

The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries with answers from our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read.

The Representatives, to whom was referred a new apportionment of stock among our Monthly Meetings, report, that they are united in proposing, that our Monthly Meetings contribute in future as follows, viz:

Apportionment of Stock

Sandwich 14 perct
Pembroke, 2 " "
Dartmouth, 10 " "
Westport 6 " "
New Bedford 68 " "

Which proportion is approved by this Meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended.

Yearly Meeting Stock

We are informed by the following notice that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock the present year is $930; which our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, when in funds.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6th mo 1873.

It was concluded to raise $3000 for the service of the Meeting the ensuing year.

The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is 31 perct: amount, $930.

From the minutes of the Meeting

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Charles R. Tucker
Clerk.

The auditors of this Meeting have submitted the following report, viz:

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have audited the account of Matthew Howland Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.
It is correct, with proper vouchers for all payments.
There remains in his hands due the Meeting Four hundred thirty nine and eighty seven hundredths dollars; $439.87

Charles R Tucker
Auditors.

New Bedford
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Rufus Sherman on behalf of the Representatives reported, that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing, that $1200 be raised for the service of this Meeting the ensuing year, and the name of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which was approved, and Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer of this Meeting for one year or until another appointment.
Our Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $1200, the sum proposed to be raised.

We have received from our last Yearly Meeting 360 copies of the printed minutes of that Meeting; 950 copies of the

London General Epistle for 1872, and 15 Reports of the Boarding School Committee, the latter being read was interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting.

Direction was given for these documents to be sent down to our Monthly Meetings.

The joint committee appointed in the 7th mo last to visit our subordinate meetings, as set forth in the minute of appointment presented the following report; which was acceptable to the Meeting, and we trust and believe that the labors of this committee have been blessed of the Lord.

Visiting Com Report

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The joint committee under appointment to visit as way might open for it, meetings, families and individuals within our limits, report, that during the year all our meetings for worship except two have been visited by different members of the Committee.

The retrospect of this labor of love affords satisfaction, and we believe that encouragement has resulted from the little service rendered to the visited, and to ourselves.

Visits to families have also been made to some extent within our limits.

As a number of years have elapsed since this concern was entrusted to a Committee we are now agreed in proposing that we be released for the present, and that the concern be assumed by the Quarterly Meeting.

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We make this recommendation with the hope that a concern will continue to be cherished for the welfare and growth in grace of all our members; that the church may be edified, and that walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost our number may be multiplied.

On behalf of the Committee.

Ruth H Baker,
Henry T Wood

Falmouth
7th mo 3rd 1873.

Quarterly Meetg Com Genl Meetg

In accordance with the advice of our late Yearly Meeting we reappoint the following Friends, with the addition of Henry T Wood to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends in cooperating with the committee of the Yearly Meeting in holding General Meetings for worship within our limits the ensuing year; viz;
David Kelley, Nathan T Shepherd, Ephraim Gifford, William P Macomber, Matthew Howland, Josiah Holmes Jr, Edward [illegible], Newell Hoxie, Arnold Gifford, John A Macomber, Otis Slocum, Charles R Tucker
And we desire that they will dwell very low before the Lord in seeking for direction and aid in the important engagement; and they are directed to report in the 4th mo next.

We have completed the business of this Meeting in harmony: great love has been witnessed, and under its precious influence we separate proposing to meet at Sandwich in the 10th mo next, if our Heavenly Father permit. 1873

Attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

At Sandwich Qr Meeting held at Sandwich 11m 2d 1873. [illegible]

Accounts being present from all our Mo Meetings, by them we are informed that the following named friends are representatives to this Meeting viz;

From Sandwich David Kelley, Stephen R Wing, Jona Boyce.
" Pembroke Jos R Shepherd, Nathan T Shepherd.
" Dartmouth Wm Gifford, Isaac Smith, Abner Slocum.
" Westport Benj Gifford, John A Macomber.
" New Bedford Gidn Wood, Seth S Swift, Joshua L Macomber, Ezra Kelley and Edw G Dillingham.

who are present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from our Mo Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th.

Geo W Francis has been appointed correspondent of Dartmouth Mo Meeting in place of Geo [illegible] who has moved out of that Meeting. G W Francis

The Indian Committee appointed by our last Yearly Meeting, having called upon the Qr Meetings for $500 dolls $ [illegible] for Indian Com

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to said Committee our proportion of that same [illegible]

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$155 - dollars.—

Our several Mo Meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of $155 for the use of the Indian Committee for the support of School —

viz, Sandwich	14	per cent	$ 21.70
Pembroke	2	" "	3 10
Dartmouth	10	" "	15 50
Westport	6	" "	9 30
New Bedford	68	" "	105 40
	100		$ 155, 00

Comm on time of holding this Meeting

David K Akin, Wm C Taber, Edw W Howland, Chas R Tucker, Henry T Wood, Otis Slocum and Joseph Taber of Sandwich are appointed to consider of changing the time of commencing this meeting when held at Sandwich and report at our next Quarter.

Our business has been accomplished and we separate in love, proposing to meet again in the 3 mo next at New Bedford, if permitted so to do.—

Att,
Charles R Tucker, Clerk

12 mo 1873 At Sandwich Qr Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo 4, 1873

By the Reports from our Mo Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz;

from Sandwich, Isaiah Crocker, Stephen R Wing, Meltiah Gifford
.. Pembroke James West, Nathan T Shepherd
.. Dartmouth Otis Slocum, Moses Smith Geo W Francis
.. Westport Benjamin Davis, Gideon

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Gifford
From New Bedford, Joseph Grinnell, Richd Davis, Chas Taber, David S Wood, who are present.

Our beloved friends Wm C Newhall of Salem Mo Meeting, and Charlotte L Haines of Providence Mo Meeting, are present at this time, with duly accredited Certificates from their respective Mo Meetings. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively.

Wm C
Newhall
and
Charlotte
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Friends

The queries with answers, save the 1, 2 & 11th from our Mo Meetings have been read

Westport Mo Meeting informs us, that they have appointed James H Gifford correspondent of that Meeting.

Jas H
Gifford

This Meeting concurs with women friends in uniting with Westport Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the Ministry of Mary E Gifford and the Clerk is directed to extend this information to the Qr Meeting of Ministers & Elders

Ministry
of
Mary E
Gifford
approved

Westport Mo Meeting reports that their Treasurer has been directed to pay their proportion of Stock for the Indian Committee.

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The Committee appointed in the 10th mo to consider the propriety of changing the hour of commencing this meeting when held at Sandwich made the following report, which is united with; the women Meeting concurring herein. The change to take place in the 10th month next.

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at
Sandwich
10 A.M.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the 10th month last to consider the propriety of changing the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich have had the subject under consideration and were united in proposing that the meeting convene at 10 O'clock in the forenoon instead of eleven O'clock as now held

By direction of the Committee
Wm C Taber
Joseph Taber

New Bedford
12mo 4 1873.

Our business has been transacted in love, and we conclude proposing to meet again in this place, in the 4th month next, if our Heavenly Father permits.

atts
Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 2. 1874.

By the accts received from all our Mo Meetings, we are informed that they have appointed representatives to this Meeting, as follows viz:

From Sandwich, Joseph Tucker, Johnathan
Bigg, David K Akin
Pembroke Hudson F Shepherd Joseph
R Shepherd.
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Geo W Francis,
Moses Smith.
" Westport, Benjamin Gifford George
Hussey Gifford.
" New Bedford, Wm G Thurman, Gilburn
Hiller, Richd Davis, John B
Baylies & Chas. R Tucker
who are present.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired; Wm G Thurman on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Chas R Tucker for clerk and Matthew Howland for assistant Clerk which was united with by the meeting, and they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

We have in the attendance of this meeting our beloved friends Daniel Fry from Bloomington Mo Meeting, Springdale Quarterly Meeting Iowa; Wm Wetherald from Pelham Mo Meeting and Pelham Quarterly Meeting Canada and Silas H Cartland from Limington Mo Meeting Maine, who presented certificates from their respective meetings.

Visit of D. Fry
Wm Wetherald
S H Cartland

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expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present engagements. Their company and religious services, have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively

Sarah W Goddard
Sarah R Reynolds

Our beloved friends Sarah W Goddard from Vassalboro Mo Meeting, Sarah R Reynolds from Providence Mo Meeting attended this Meeting and presented Minutes from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with Copies of this minute so far as it relates to them respectively.—

Mary R Wing

Mary R Wing an Elder and a member of Sandwich Mo Meeting, deceased 9mo 19 1873, aged 73 years and 4 days.

Joseph Hoxie

This Meeting has united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Hoxie to the station of Elder.

Ephm Gifford

And with Dartmouth Mo Meeting in the appointment of Ephm Gifford to the same station women friends concurring herein and the clerk is directed to give this information to the Yr Meeting of Ministers and Elders; and the clerk reports that he has informed that Meeting that Mary S Gifford has been recorded a minister

The queries have been read in this Meeting

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with answers from all our Mo Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting; and we have appointed our friends, Geo Howland Jr, Edw W Howland, Jos S Tillinghast, Chas Fisher, David K Aikin, Jabez Wood, Nathan T Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, Wm C Taber, Benj Gifford, Isaac K Gifford, Chas R Tucker, Edw G Dillingham, Josiah Holmes Jr and Arnold Gifford, our representatives to that Meeting

All our Mo Meetings report that they have paid or directed to be paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer

Stock

The committee under appointment upon the subject of holding Genl Meetings submitted the following Report.

Report on Genl Mtgs

To the Quarterly Meeting.—

The joint committee appointed in 7th month last, to promote the concern of the Yearly Meeting to hold General Meetings for Divine worship as way may open for it—report that one meeting of this kind was held in 9th mo last at Allen's Neck, which was continued for four days.

This meeting was fully attended by Friends and others and the interest of the people continued unabated to the close.

We trust the cause of Truth was promoted and that Christ Jesus was

1874 so presented that some have been drawn
4 mo unto him in a covenant of grace, and in renewed consecration to God.

Way has not opened within our limits for holding other General meetings although series of meetings have been held by appointment of Friends travelling with certificates in the ministry at Allen's Neck, New Bedford and in Smith's Neck, and while they did not claim the official notice of this committee, they were we believe deeply interesting occasions and have been productive of good.

On behalf of the Committee
Ephraim Gifford.
New Bedford Ruth Ann Shepherd
4th mo 2. 1874.

Which is interesting and encouraging to us, and they are desired to continue their care prayerfully until our next Meeting and they are directed to extend such care and assistance, when a series of meetings is held within our limits, as may seem to be required

Statistics The following statistical accounts received from our Mo. Meetings, the Clerk is directed to include in our report to the Yearly Meeting.

Number of Members in Qr Meeting 1873.

	by Birth,	by Request,	by Certificate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	786
Sandwich 213	0	0	3	4	0	1	add 20
Pembroke 17	0	0	0	0	1	0	806
Dartmouth 103	0	8	2	6	4	1	Less 30
Westport 716	0	2	0	0	0	0	776

N Bedford 379 — 0/0 — 5/15 — 0/5 — 6/16 — 3/8 — 4/6 — 1874 4m

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting — Stock

We appoint Noah Holway, Arnold Gifford, Nathan T Shepherd, Ephraim Gifford, Gideon Gifford, John B Bayliss, Matthew Howland, Matthew Barney, Rufus Shearman, David K Akin and Joshua L Macomber a Committee to render assistance to friends in straightened circumstances, who are concerned to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting, and draw upon our Treasurer for the expense incurred

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to be held on Rhode Island.

Dear Friends:

Extracts from your last Meeting have been received by us, embracing the report, of the Boarding School Committee, with 361 copies of the printed minutes of the Meeting, and 950 copies of the London General Epistle for 1872, all of which were sent down to our subordinate meetings for distribution, and were interesting and satisfactory.

Account to Yearly Meeting

The queries have been read

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with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends, George Howland Jr, Edwd W Howland, Joseph C Tillinghast, Chas Frazier, David K Akin, Jabez Wood, Nathan T Shepherd, Sewell Hoxie, Willm C Taber, Benj Gifford, Isaac P Gifford, Chas R Tucker, Edwd G Tillinghast, Josiah Holmes Jr, and Arnold Gifford, our representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Dartmouth Mo Meeting has appointed George W Francis its correspondent. His address is Dartmouth, Mass.

Westport Mo Meeting has appointed James A Gifford correspondent of that Meeting. Address, Central Village, Mass.

New Bedford Mo Meeting has appointed George Howland Jr its correspondent. Address, New Bedford, Mass.

This Meeting has united with Westport Mo Meeting in approving the public ministry of Mary E Gifford; and with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Hoxie to the station of Elder; also with Dartmouth Mo Meeting in the appointment of Ephraim Gifford to the station of Elder.

It is proposed, that this Quarterly Meeting in the 10th month be held at 10 o'clock a.m., instead of 11, as now held.

Our proportion of stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer.

Mary K Wing, an elder & member of Sandwich Mo Meeting deceased 9mo 19th 1873, aged 73 years & 4 days.

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Summary Answers.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except one, omitted on account of sickness.

Friends are mostly engaged to attend them duly and at the appointed hour; although some members do not attend those held on First day afternoon, and in the middle of the week.

Preserved from unbecoming behaviour with a few exceptions reported in One monthly meeting. Some care extended.

2nd. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, with little exception, which is under notice; and friends appear careful to guard against detraction.

When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

3rd. Most friends we believe are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and are endeavoring by example and precept to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Increased engagement in this respect, seems wanting in some instances among us.

4th. We trust friends are in the frequent practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families, and are concerned in encouraging their children

1874 and others in the daily perusal of them.
4 mo Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained we think with one or two exceptions

5th. The improper use of intoxicating liquors we believe is avoided with three exceptions at times. Mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with our religious profession. Moderation is generally observed.

6th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and some care has been taken to obtain for them suitable employment. The education of their children is provided for.

7th. Friends appear clear in these respects.

8th Nearly clear in the several parts of this query.

9th Our records are attended to. A number are still living beyond our limits without certificates, and one has come amongst us. These cases are under notice.

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness with impartiality and with timely care. Judgment has, we trust, been placed in the authority of Truth, and according to the discipline.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Falmouth, 7mo, 2nd 1874.

Reports are received from all our Mo Meetings informing us, that the following friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:
From Sandwich: David K Akin, Joseph Hoxie, Arnold Gifford,
From Pembroke: J R Shepherd, Nathan H Shepherd,
From Dartmouth: Moses Smith, Otis Slocum, Jonathan Kirby
From Westport: Gideon Gifford & Adrian Davis.
From New Bedford: Chas Taber, Edwd G Dillingham, William G Wing & Matthew Howland
Who are present except one. A reason was assigned for his absence.

Our beloved friends, Elwood Ozbun, from Chestnut Hill Mo Meeting, Iowa, Allen Jay from Springfield Mo Meeting North Carolina, are in the attendance of this Meeting, and presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings. Elwood Ozbun Allen Jay

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Certificates of concurrence were read from their respective Meetings in behalf of Lydia Ozbun who accompanies her husband, Elwood Ozbun, and Martha A Jay, companion to her husband, Allen Jay. Lydia Ozbun Martha A Jay

Their company has been acceptable to this

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7 mo The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing the friends now with us with copies of minutes, as they relate to each respectively.

The queries have been read with answers from all our Mo Meetings to the 1st, 2nd & 10th.

Yr Mtg Stock By the following communication, received from the Yearly Meeting, it appears, that, our proportion of stock for that Meeting the present year is $1085, dolls, which amount our Treasurer is directed to pay when the state of the Treasury will admit.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held 6th mo 1874.

It was concluded to raise for the service of the Meeting the present year $3,500 dolls.

The quota of Sandwich Qr Meeting is 31 per ct, $1,085 dolls.

From the minutes of the Meeting
Charles R Tucker
Clerk.

change in holding this Mtg The Yearly Meeting united with Sandwich Qr Meeting in changing the hour in commencing that Meeting when held in the 10th mo, from 11 to 10 o'clock A.M.

The auditors of this Meeting presented the following report;

We have examined the acct of the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, and find it correct, with proper vouchers. A balance of two hundred & forty five $\frac{58}{100}$, dollars remains in his hands.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. 1874 7 mo

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Charles K Tucker } Auditors

Edward G Gillingham on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting, that they were united in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer, and that the sum of $1,500, be raised for the service of this Meeting for the ensuing year, which being united with, Matthew Howland is reappointed, Treasurer, for the ensuing year, and our several Mo Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $1,500, the sum proposed to be raised. Stock &c

By the request of our Yearly Meeting we appoint Henry T Wood, Ephraim Gifford, Chas K Tucker, Nathan T Shepherd, David Kelley, Moses Smith, John Whitcomb to unite with a similar committee of women friends in sustaining and assisting the Yearly Meetings committee in the holding of General Meetings, or series of Meetings within our limits, and report to this Meeting in the 4th mo next. Com on Genl Mtgs

The Yearly Meeting's committee on Indian affairs are asking the several Quart^y Meetings for their proportion of

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$800, for that service. The quota of this Quarter is $248.)
Our Mo Meetings are desired to forward their proportion of $248 to Matthew Howland our Treasurer, for that object.

Com on Indian affairs

Sandwich	14 pers	$210.	$34.72
Pembroke	2 "	30.	4.96
Dartmouth	10 "	150.	24.80
Westport	6 "	90.	14.88
N. Bedford	68 "	1,020.	168.64
	100	$1,500.	$248.00

Jos Hoxie Ephm Gifford

The clerk reports that he has informed the Qr Meeting of Ministers & Elders of the appointment of Joseph Hoxie, and Ephraim Gifford to the station of Elder.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, they all attended.

The committee on General Meetings made the following report, which is acceptable, and directed to be recorded.

To the Quarterly Meeting:

Report Genl Meetings

The committee on General Meetings, who were continued last Quarter, report, that no General or Series of Meetings have been held during that time.
This report is rendered, as the appointment now expires.

On behalf of the committee,

Dorcas F. Tucker.
Matthew Howland,

Falmouth. 7th mo 2, 1874.

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This Meeting has been a season of love, and we trust, owned by our Lord and Master, The business has been accomplished; and we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in the 10th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 Mo 1st 1874.

Our several Mo Meetings report, that they have appointed the following friends representatives to this Meeting viz,

From Sandwich Abiah Holway, David Kelley.
Jonathan Boyce.
" Pembroke Nathan T Shepard.
Joseph R Shepard.
" Dartmouth Isaac R Gifford, Otis
Slocum, Daniel B Aiken.
" Westport Gideon Gifford
Wm T Macomber.
" New Bedford John Wood, Wm F Tucker.
Rufus Freeman, Edwd G Dillingham.

who are present except one, for whose absence a reason was given.

Eliza H Varney and Peace Jones

We have in the attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Eliza H. Varney from West Lake Mo Meeting, and West Lake four Months Meeting, Canada, and Peace Jones from China Mo Meeting, Maine. They presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, their company and religious labor have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each, respectively.

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10 mo The queries have been read with answers from all our Mo Meetings to the 1, 2d & 10th.

Hannah J. Cody Our beloved friend Hannah Jane Cody companion to Eliza H Varney, attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute from Yonge Street Mo Meeting. Canada.- Her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.-

We have received 330 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and 500 copies of the London General Epistle for 1874 which have been sent down to our Mo Meetings for distribution.

The business of this Meeting has been transacted in love; we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12 Mo next, if the Lord permit.

Charles R Tucker Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo 3d 1874.

By Reports received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that they have appointed the following named Friends Representatives to this Meeting viz:-

From Sandwich David Kelley
[illegible] Daniel Gifford
" Falmouth James First
Nathan F Shepherd
" Dartmouth [illegible] Gifford [illegible] R Gifford
Jonathan Kirby
" Westport Benjamin Gifford
Gideon Gifford
" New Bedford Henry T Wood. Jos. G. Dillingham
John Wood. Edwd G. Dillingham
Alphonse Cartland

who are present, except one, an excuse was Rend: 1874

We have in the attendance of this meeting our beloved friends Eli Jones from China Mo. Meeting, and Harriet M. Jones from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, they produced certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each respectively.

Eli Jones.
Harriet M Jones-

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informs that they have paid to our Treasurer, their proportion of the amount called for by the Yearly Meetings Committee on Indian affairs, and our Treasurer states that the proportions from all our Monthly Meetings has been received.

Stock Indian Commit

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from our Monthly Meetings to the 1. 2. & 10th.

Our business having been disposed of in harmony and love, we separate proposing to meet at this place again in the Fourth Month next if the Lord permit.

Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

1875 4 m. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 Mo 1st 1875.

By report from our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz

From Sandwich Kelley Wing
David K. Akin. Arnold Gifford.
" Pembroke James West
Nathan T. Shepard
" Dartmouth Isaac R. Gifford
Ephm Gifford. Jona Kirby
" Westport Adrian Davis
Gideon Gifford
" New Bedford Henry T. Wood. Edw G. Dillingham
Benja W. Slade. John F. Tucker.

who are present, except one whose absence is caused prevented by illness.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, David K. Akin on behalf of the Representatives proposed Charles R. Tucker for clerk and Matthew Howland for assistant clerk; which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the year ensuing.

Stock All our Monthly Meetings report, that they have paid or directed to be paid their proportions of stock to our Treasurer.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved, and directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

We appoint our friends Geo. Howland Jr. David K. Akin. James B. Congdon. Joseph G. Tillinghast. Isaac R. Gifford. Jonathan Boyce. Henry T. Wood. Peleg Slocum. Stephen R. Wing. Nathaniel Gifford. Edward W. Howland.

Charles Taber. Edward G. Dillingham. Sewell Hoxie. Ephraim Gifford. William C. Taber. David Kelley. Matthew Howland. and Nathan F. Gifford. to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives. 1875

New Bedford Monthly Meeting informs us that Elnathan E. Delano a minister, and a member of that Meeting deceased 8 Mo. 1. 1874. aged 66 years 10 months and 19 days.

E. E. Delano

The joint committee on General Meetings presented the following report, viz,

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint Committee appointed in the 7th Mo. last for the purpose of "sustaining and assisting the Yearly Meeting's Committee in the holding of General Meetings and series of meetings within our limits" report — that during the time series of Meetings were held at Yarmouth, Falmouth, Sandwich, Westport, Allen's Neck, Long Plain, and Smiths Neck.

We believe that good fruit has resulted from all these meetings. In some instances this was immediately apparent, while in others its development was gradual, in a deeper work of grace in the hearts of those who had already entered a christian life.

A General Meeting was also held under the care of the Yearly Meetings committee at New Bedford in 2d Month which we believe was also attended by the Divine blessing. Upon a retrospect of the experience of the committee we can thankfully acknowledge that the Dear Master has evidently blessed this concern and the labors of those engaged in it.

Committee on Genl Meetings

On behalf of the Committee David Kelley
3d Mo 31. 1875. Eunice Gifford

1875 which being read and considered was encouraging and satisfactory to this Meeting and they are requested to report again in the 7mo. next.

The clerk is directed to notice this report in our account to the Yearly Meeting.

Yr Mtg Stock — Our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

The following minute from the Representative Meeting has been read and due notice taken thereof.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

This meeting finding there has not been sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions at Portland, hereby notifies the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings that our next Yearly Meeting must be held according to discipline, at Newport.

By direction of the Representative Meeting held at Providence, 2mo. 3d. 1875.

William O Newhall, Clerk.

P.S. — The Representative Meeting will be held at Newport on sixth day before the commencement of the Yearly Meeting, at 6 o'clock. P.M.

Committee to assist Friends — We appoint Alvah Holway, Arnold Gifford, Nathan T Shepard, Ephraim Gifford, Gideon Gifford, John B Baylies, Matthew Howland, Matthew Barney, David K. Akin, Joshua L. Macomber and George Howland Jr. a committee to assist friends who are in straightened circumstances, that have a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting, and they are authorised to draw upon our Treasurer

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for the expence thus incurred.

Our beloved friend Hannah B Sawyer, attended this Meeting and presented a certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting, N. H. expressing unity with her ministry, and present engagement. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Hannah B Sawyer

The following acct addressed to the Yearly Meeting is approved, and the clerk is directed, to sign it on our behalf,

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends
in New England to be held on Rhode
Island

Dear Friends

We have received extracts from your meeting, as usual, which embraced the report of the Boarding School committee, and 330 copies of the printed Minutes of that meeting, with 500 copies of the London General Epistle for 1874, all of which were acceptable to us, and were sent down to our subordinate meetings for distribution.

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved, and directed to be forwarded to you.

We have appointed our friends
George Howland Jr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] R Gifford
Jonathan Pope. Henry T Wood. Eliz Yocum.
Benj Stephen R Wing. Nathaniel Gifford.
Edward W Howland. Charles Taber.
Edward L Dillingham. Lemuel Hoxie. Ephraim Gifford. William C Taber. David Kelly.
Matthew Howland, and Nathan T Shepherd.

1875 [illegible] our representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Our proportion of Stock called for last year has been paid to your Treasurer.

Elnathan E Delano a Minister and a Member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 8 Mo 1. 1874. aged 66 years 10 mos. & 19 days.

The following Statistical accounts comprises the changes in the membership during the past year,

Number of Members in 1874. 776

Add-	Births	Recd Request	Certificate		
Sandwich	0	2	0	(203)	26 per cto
Pembroke	—	—	—	(18)	2 — —
Dartmouth	0	6	3	(100)	13 " —
Westport	1	0	0	(75)	10 " —
New Bedford	0	11	9	(387)	49 " —
	1	19	12	783	32
					808

Deduct	Deaths.	Removed.	Released.	
Sandwich	5	5	2	
Pembroke	—	—	—	
Dartmouth	3	1	—	
Westport	2	—	—	
New Bedford	9	2	1	
	19	8	3	30
				778
Add discrepancies				5
This is correct number reported				783

Gain of 7 Members.

During the past year there has been held within our limits one General Meeting, and seven series of Meetings, which have been season of religious awaking and improvement as manifested by the fruit which has already appeared.

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Summary Answers.

Ans 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two, one omitted on account of a funeral, and one in consequence of inclement weather, and the state of the roads, and most Friends are engaged to attend them duly, and at the hour appointed. Midweek Meetings and Meetings for discipline are neglected by some, and the few friends at Nantucket have not been able to keep up that meeting constantly through the winter. Mostly preserved from unbecoming behavior, - Some care has been extended.

2d. Love and unity, (with some exception reported in one meeting) appear to be maintained among us, and Friends are mostly careful to guard against detraction. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise.

3d. Most of our members appear to be engaged to maintain a religious life and conversation, and also to train those under them in accordance with our christian profession - though a want of concern is apparent with some in these respects.

4th We believe Friends frequently read the holy Scriptures individually and are mostly engaged to encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this duty - their daily reading collectively in the Families of Friends is we believe general among us, a free Gospel ministry appears to be maintained.

5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoided with two or three exceptions. Friends are generally careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a christian character. Moderation appears to be observed.

1875 4mo 6th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and care seems to have been taken to procure employment for them - Their education is provided for.

7th Clear as far as appears.

8th Friends appear mostly careful in these respects.

9th Our records are attended to. - A number of removals without certificates are under Notice, Most of these are cases of those who are residing remote from Friends, or beyond the limits of any organized Meeting.

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and with impartiality, and they are also engaged to bestow timely care. Judgment has we trust been placed in the authority of Truth and according to the discipline.

Our business has been transacted in much love, and now under we trust the covering of the Lord Spirit we conclude, proposing to meet at Falmouth, at the usual time in the 7th mo. next if permitted so to do.

Charles R Tucker
Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7mo 1. 1875.

The accounts from our Monthly Meetings, report the following named Friends representatives to this Meeting:–

From Sandwich David Kelley
Abm Dillingham Joseph Hoxie.
" Pembroke James West
" Dartmouth Jonathan Kirby
Otis Slocum, Ephraim Gifford
" Westport George Hussey Gifford
Adwin Davis
" New Bedford Jonathan Cowen, Henry T Wood,
James B Congdon, Edward G. Dillingham

who are present except one, for his absence a sufficient reason was given,

We have in the attendance of this Meeting, our beloved friends, Edward C. Young from Westland Mo Meeting, Ohio. And John P. Pennington from Spiceland Mo Meeting, Indianna, they presented certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements. Their company and religious labors are acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, as it relates to each respectively.

Edward C Young
John P Pennington

The queries have been read with answers from our Monthly Meetings to the 1. 2. & 10th.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, they all attended, except one, whose absence was occasioned by illness in his family.

We are informed by the Yearly Meeting that our proportion of stock called for by that Meeting, for the present

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year is $1085.- which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, when the state of the Treasury will admit.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in the sixth mo 1875.

It was concluded to raise $3500.- for the service of the Meeting the present year. Our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to our Treasurer their respective proportions of that sum.

The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting 31 perct is $1085.-

From the minutes of the Meeting
To Charles R Tucker
Sandwich Clerk
Quarterly Meeting

The auditors of this Meeting presented the following report showing $\$437.\frac{46}{100}$ dolls in the Treasurey.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting have been examined and found correct, with proper vouches for all payments -

There is $\$437\frac{66}{100}$ dollars in his hands.
New Bedford 6mo 30. 1875.
C R Tucker Auditor
To Sandwich Qr. Meeting

The Representatives informed this Meeting that they were united in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer, and that $1,300.- dolls be raised for the use of the Meeting the current year.

The propositions were united with, and Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are directed to pay to him their respective proportions of that sum. 1875

The Committee on General Meetings, report that no General or series of Meetings have been held since their report in the 4th month, and we now continue the same Committee with the exception of Henry T Wood, and the addition of Peleg Slocum for the ensuing year to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee, when such Meetings are held - Ephraim Gifford. Charles R. Tucker, Nathan T. Shepard, David Kelley, Moses Smith, John A Macomber, and Peleg Slocum - Comm on Genl Meetin

Thirty reports of the Boarding School Committee, were received and sent down to our subordinate Meetings -

Our business has been accomplished and we have been united together, in Love, and under that precious covering, we separate, proposing to meet in the 10th month next at Sandwich, if it is the Lords will.

Attest Charles R Tucker
Clerk

1875 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo 7. 1875.

The following named Friends are reported in the accounts from our Mo Meetings as their representatives,— from

Sandwich. Joseph Wing of Sandwich
Jonathan Boyce, David K. Akin.
Pembroke James West
Nathan T. Sheperd
Dartmouth Ephraim Gifford, Moses Smith,
Isaace R Gifford.
Westport Gideon Gifford, and
Daniel Macomber.
New Bedford William G. Wing, Gideon Wood,
Jonathan Cowen, Joshua L. Macomber,

who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.—

Geo Richardson
Margaret A Hathaway

We have in the attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends George Richardson from Sidney Monthly Meeting Maine, and Margaret A Hathaway from Farmington Monthly, and Farmington Quarterly Meetings New York, they presented certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present engagements — Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respetively —

Our beloved friend Sarah M. Richardson who accompanies her husband George Richardson attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us — and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute —

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Extracts from Yr. Meeting

Since our last meeting 360 copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 500 copies of the London General Epistle of the present year, have been received, and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution —

The following Communication has been received from the Yearly Meetings committee on Indian affairs West of the Mississippi River, which being considered, our Treasurer, is directed to pay the Amount called for from this Quarterly Meeting 31 pr ct $248.– when the state of our Treasurey will admit —

Indian com.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting, for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, held a meeting at Newport at which it was concluded that the sum of $800.– would be required to meet the necessary expenses of this concern for the year, and the Treasurer was requested to inform the clerks of the several Quarterly meetings thereof and to request that their several quotas of the amount may be raised and forwarded to him in the manner they may deem most proper.

New Bedford }
10 Mo 5th 1875 }
George Howland Jun
Treasurer of the committee

The queries have been read, with ans from our Mo Meetings to the 1. 2 & 10th.

We appoint Meltiah Gifford & Geo Howland for a committee to make suitable Railway arrangements to enable friends to attend our Quarterly Meetings, and give due notice thereof before each Quarter. Our business has been accomplished in unity and love, and we now seperate proposing to meet at New Bedford in the

com. to arrange
for Qr Meetings

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attest— Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

12mo 1875 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 2nd 1875.

The Accounts from our Monthly Meetings report the following friends as Representatives to this Meeting viz—

From Sandwich — David Kelley, Joseph Ewer, and Joseph A. Swift—
Pembroke — Nathan T. Shepherd & Jos. R. Shepherd—
Dartmouth — Jonathan Kirby, Isaac R. Gifford, and Thomas Gifford—
Westport — Gideon Gifford and Wm P. Macomber—
New Bedford — Joseph Taber, Isaac L. Cowen, John F. Tucker and Benjn W. Slade

who are present—

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent on account of illness in his family Nathan Howland is appointed Clerk and Nathan Gifford assistant clerk for the day—

John Carey

Our beloved friend John Carey attended this Meeting with a Certificate concurrence from Back Creek Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana — His Company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute—

Harriet N. Jones

Our beloved friend Harriet N. Jones attended this Meeting and presented a Certificate of concurrence from Litchfield Mo. Meeting, Maine — Her Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute—

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings—

Geo. W. Francis

We concur with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in withdrawing from George W. Francis our approval of his public appearances in the ministry, the women's meeting concurring herein, and the Clerk is requested to convey this information to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and to the Yearly Meeting —

Having accomplished our business in much harmony and love, we propose to meet again at this place in the 4th mo. next, if the Lord permit —

attest Matthew Howland
clerk for the day —

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo. 6th 1876.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends are appointed as their Representatives to this Meeting viz.

From Sandwich David Kelley, Joseph Hoxie, and Joseph N. Swift —
" Pembrooke James West, Joseph R. Shepherd —
" Dartmouth Isaac R. Gifford Philip Cornell & Ephraim Gifford —
" Westport Gideon Gifford, Wm P. Macomber —
" New Bedford James B. Congdon Joseph Grinnell, Alden G. Tripp, Joshua L. Macomber all of whom are present —

Clerks app.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired James B. Congdon on behalf of the Representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for Clerk and the name of John F. Tucker for Assistant Clerk; which being united with, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year —

Our friend Charles R. Tucker having faithfully and acceptably served this meeting as clerk for the past 12 years, is now released at his own request —

The Queries have been read in this meeting [illegible] 1876 with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved, and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting -

We appoint our friends David R. Akin George Howland Jr, Edward W. Howland, Jonathan Cowen, Isaac R. Gifford, John F. Tucker, Ephraim Gifford, John A. Macomber, David Kelley, Newell Hoxie, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber & Peleg Slocum to attend said Meeting as our Representatives -

Mary Alice Gifford. We have in the attendance of this Meeting our beloved friend Mary Alice Gifford who presented a minute from Sidney Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement - her Company and Religious labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Stock. All our Monthly Meetings report payment of their proportion of stock to this Meeting and our's has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting -

Decease of [illegible] members. Abraham Davis a member and minister of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 6th mo 3d 1870 aged 89 years 5 months & 25 days accidentally omitted to be recorded at the time of his decease -

Dorcas F. Tucker a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 18th 1875 aged 65 years 10 months and 1 day -

Meeting at Centre reopened By the Account from Westport Mo. Meeting we are informed that a Meeting for Divine Worship has been reopened at the Head of Westport River called "Centre" commencing at 3 oclock P.M. -

Report of Committee Gen Mtgs. The Joint Committee on General meetings made the following report viz -

To the Quarterly Meeting -

The Committee appointed in the 7th month last to assist in the holding of General or series of meetings Report - that no General meeting has been held, but several series of Meetings within our limits, which have we believe been owned and blessed by the great head of the Church–

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford   Peleg Slocum
4th mo 5th 1876   Ruth S. Wood

which is Acceptable and satisfactory to us, and they are desired to continue their care until our next meeting, when the time of their appointment expires–

The subject being brought before us of appointing a Committee to visit subordinate meetings within our limits, much interest was expressed in this important concern, but after due deliberation and considerable expression we concluded to refer it to a future Meeting–

The following Account addressed to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved, which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf –

Account to Y.M.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held on Rhode Island–

Dear friends,

We have received the usual extracts from your Meeting comprising 360 copies of the printed minutes of said Meeting, with 500 copies of the London General Epistle for 1876– The usual number of copies of the Boarding school report were received at the close of the Meeting, and were forwarded to our Monthly Meetings–

The Queries have been read, with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved & directed to be forwarded to you–

We have appointed our friends David K. Akin, Geo. Howland Jr, Edw. W. Howland, Jonathan Cowen, Isaac R. Gifford, John F. Tucker, Ephraim Gifford, John A. Macomber, David Kelley, Newell Hoxie, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber and Peleg Slocum to attend your meeting as our Representatives

Our proportion of Stock called for last Year has been paid to your Treasurer–

Abraham Davis a member & minister of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died at Longplain 6th mo 3d 1870 aged 89 years 5 months & 25 days — This information was accidentally omitted at the time of his decease —

Dorcas F. Tucker a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 18th 1875 aged 65 years 10 months and 1 day —

During the past year, there has been held several series of Meetings for Divine Worship within this Quarter and they have been seasons evidently blessed of the Lord.

This Meeting has concurred with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in withdrawing from George W. Francis our approval of his public ministry —

We would inform you, that a Meeting for Religious Worship has been reopened at the Head of Westport River called "Centre" commencing on First day at 3 oclock P.M —

The following statistical Account comprises the changes of Membership in this Meeting the past year —

The number of members reported last year was 783 since which, there have been received by certificate 9 — by request 25 — and 5 births, in all 39 making the number 822 from which 21 have been removed by death — 12 by certificate and One released in all 34 leaving the present number 788 a gain of 5 members from last Year —

Summary Answers —

1st " All our meetings for Worship and discipline have been regularly held and most Friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the hour appointed — A number however do not attend our Meeting in the middle of the week and for discipline — Some labor has been bestowed. Nearly preserved from unbecoming behavior —

2nd " Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongus, with little exception in two particular Meetings — Detraction for the most part guarded against — Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear —

3rd " Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation, and those who have children or others under their care endeavor by example and precept to train them up in accordance with our christian profession –

4th " Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this important duty, though we fear it is neglected by some – With very few exceptions our testimony to a free gospel Ministry appears to be maintained –

5th " The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is we think avoided with four or five exceptions – Careful respecting amusements inconsistent with a christian character, except in a few instances – moderation is generally observed –

6th " The circumstances of the Poor are attended to and care is generally taken to procure suitable employment – Means are provided for the education of their children –

7th Friends appear careful in these respects –

8th Clear with one or two exceptions –

9th " Our Records are attended to – a few removals without certificates, some of whom are living without the limits of any recognized Monthly Meeting whose cases are under notice –

10th " Care is taken to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, timely, and impartially – Judgement has we trust been placed in the authority of truth and according to discipline –

Having been favored to accomplish our business to good satisfaction, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in 7th mo. next, if the Lord permit –

Matthew Howland
Clerk.

7m 1876. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 6th 1876

By Accounts recd from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

Sandwich, David K. Akin, James E. Gifford,
Alvah Holway -
Pembroke, Jos. R. Shepherd, James West -
Dartmouth Isaac R. Gifford, Otis Slocum
Nathaniel Howland -
Westport, Gideon Gifford, Henry E. Davis -
New Bedford, Jonathan Cowen, Peleg Slocum,
Edw. G. Dillingham and Jos. Grinnell -

who are present except two, for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned -

Stanley Pumphrey Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey of Great Britain attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory Certificates from Worcestershire and Shropshire Monthly Meeting, Western Quarterly Meeting, and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements - the Company and Gospel Labors of this dear friend have been Acceptable to us, and in the prospect of his long and arduous religious service in this country, has our sympathy and prayers -

J P Pennington
Elka Beard.
Danl Hill. Our beloved friends John P. Pennington of Spiceland Mo. Meeting, Indiana, Elkanah Beard of White River Mo. Mtg held in Winchester Randolph Co. Ind. and Daniel Hill of Clear Creek Mo. Meeting held in New Vienna Ohio attended this Meeting and presented Certificates from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements - their company and religious labors have been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish these dear friends with a Copy of this minute as it relates to each respectively -

7 mo 1876

Our beloved friend Mellissa J. Pennington of Spiceland Mo. Meeting Indiana attended this Meeting as companion to her husband John P. Pennington and presented a minute from their Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her and with her present engagement — her Company has been Acceptable to us — Melissa J. Pennington

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd and 10th —

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended with two exceptions —

By the following minute received from clerk of the Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of the sum required for the service of that Meeting the present year is $1050, which our Treasurer is directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr Treas. of Yearly Meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit — Stock.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held Sixth Mo. 1876.

It was concluded to raise for the service of this Meeting the present year $3000. and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to Geo. Howland Jr. our Treasurer their respective quota of that sum — Sandwich Quarters proportion under the apportionment made this year is 35 pr. ct. $1050. From the Minutes of the minute

Chas. R. Tucker
Newport 6th mo 1876. Clerk

By a report from the Auditors we are informed that the Accts of our Treasurer have been examined and found correct, showing a balance in his hands of $412.02 — Auditors report

Edw. G. Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they are united in proposing that $1400. be raised for the use of this Meeting and the appointment of Matthew Howland for Treasurer, which propositions were united with, and Matthew Howland is accordingly appointed Appointment of Treasurer.

Treasurer

Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of this sum –

General Meetings

The Joint Committee on General Meetings report that a series of Meetings have been held in New Bedford since their report in the 4th mo which were satisfactory and much to our encouragement – and we now Continue the same Committee viz Ephraim Gifford, Chas. R. Tucker, Nathan T. Shepherd, David Kelley, Moses Smith and John A. Macomber with the addition of Henry A. Slocum for the ensuing year and they are desired to Cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's Com. in encouraging the holding of such Meetings and attending them as far as practicable when held –

Committee to visit Pembroke Meeting

The subject of appointing a Committee to visit Pembroke Mo. Meeting being brought before us at this time we appoint our friends David K. Akin Joseph Wing and Chas. R. Tucker a Committee to attend that Meeting, acting as a Component part thereof when present and render such advice as their situation may require and report to a future Meeting –

The business brought before us at this time being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord permit –

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo. 5th, 1876.

The Accounts from our Monthly Meetings inform us that the following Friends are appointed as their representatives to this Meeting viz

From Sandwich – David K. Akin, Presbury Wing, and Prince G. Moore –
Pembroke – Nathan T. Shepherd and James West –
Dartmouth – Jonathan Kirby, Moses Smith and Isaac R. Potter –
Westport – Gideon Gifford, Wm P. Macomber –
New Bedford – Seth K. Akin, Edw. G. Dillingham Arnold G. Tripp and John B. Baylies –

who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned –

Fernando Cartland and Obediah Chase

Our beloved friends Fernando Cartland of Deepriver Mo. Meeting and Deep River Quarterly Meeting, Guilford Co. North Carolina and Obediah Chace from Swansea Mo. Meeting held at Fallriver Mass. attended this Meeting and presented testimonials from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements – their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish these friends with copies of this Minute as it relates to each respectively –

The Queries have been read with Answers from our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th –

Printed Minutes &c.

We have received 360 copies of the Printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 540 copies of the London General Epistle for the present year, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution –

Committee on railway arrangements

The Committee appointed by this Meeting in 10th mo 1875 to make the necessary Railway arrangements to enable friends to attend this Meeting are continued in that service for the ensuing year with the addition of Henry T. Wood to the Committee –

10 Mo 1876

Pembroke Meeting laid down & joined [illegible]

The Committee appointed in the 7th mo. last to visit Pembroke Mo. Meeting have submitted the following Report — which being considered is Accepted, with the Concurrance of the Women's Meeting and in Accordance with its recommendation we discontinue that Monthly Meeting, also the Preparative and Mid-week Meetings for the present, the Members Composing that Meeting are annexed to New Bedford Mo. Meeting, unless their desire should be to Sandwich.

The Members now constituting Pembroke Mo. Meeting are to receive the income and benefit of any fund now held by them — And should they require any aid, it shall be rendered at the charge of the Quarterly Meeting — And direction is now given that at their next Mo. Meeting, they cease to transact any further business in the capacity of a Mo. Meeting, that the clerk enter a copy of this Minute and Report upon their Records, and that he forward the Books and Papers of said Meeting to the clerk of the Mo. Meeting to which they are annexed —

The Committee viz David K. Akin Joseph Wing, and Chas. R. Tucker are continued in that service and requested to render them such advice and assistance as circumstances may seem to require and report to this Meeting

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to attend Pembroke Mo. Meeting, and to advise with that Meeting and the Members composing it Report — that they have attended that Mo. Meeting and a part of the Committee have visited it twice — They find that the Meeting has been very much reduced in Numbers, by death and by removals into other Meetings — Infirmities of age are bearing heavily upon one Man friend, which leaves only four men, who are of ability to attend Meetings — two of them reside respectively 7 and 11 miles from the Meeting House —

The Mens Mo. Meeting is frequently

composed of two or three friends, and only four at the most; while the Women's Meeting is larger in point of members –

The Committee in viewing all the circumstances connected therewith, are united in judgement that the interest of Friends composing that Meeting, will be best promoted by the discontinuance of the Monthly, Preparative and Mid-week Meetings, and annexing its Members to such of our Mo. Meetings as may best suit their convenience – The Committee received the impression that the Members of that Meeting are in a measure prepared for the proposed change – A Meeting for Worship is to be continued on First-day mornings –

There is a Fund held in trust by that Mo. Meeting, which may require some attention in case the proposed change is made.

David K. Akin
Sandwich 9th mo 1876. Joseph Wing
Chas. R. Tucker, Com.

Having been favored to accomplish the business brought before us in love and harmony, we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th mo. next, if the Lord permit –

attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th m. 7th 1876.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly meetings, the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz.
From Sandwich – David Kelley, Joseph Ewer, and Mattiah Gifford
Dartmouth – Ephraim Gifford, Henry A. Slocum and Isaac R. Potter –
Westport – Geo. Hussey Gifford & Daniel Macomber
New Bedford – Edw. G. Tillingham, Benjn Kirby, John F. Tucker and John Wood who are all present –

Johnson Brewer, D Douglass, J W Jacobs.

We have in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Johnson Brewer, of Westlake Monthly Meeting, held at Wellington, Prince Edward County, Province of Ontario, endorsed by Westlake Four Months Meeting, Canada - David Douglass of Raysville Mo. Meeting, Henry Co. Indiana - J. William Jacobs of China Mo. Meeting held at China, Maine, who presented Certificates from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements - their Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish these friends with a Copy of this Minute as it relates to each respectively -

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings -

Pembroke Meeting

The Committee appointed to have the oversight and care of dissolving Pembroke Mo. Meeting made the following report - which being read and considered and having the concurrence of the Women's meeting is accepted and in accordance therewith Pembroke Mo. Meeting is discontinued and its members annexed to New Bedford Mo. Meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with this information -

To the Quarterly meeting next to be held at New Bedford -

The Committee continued at our last Quarter to visit Pembroke Mo. Meeting Report - that they attended that Meeting in the 10th mo, and presented the Documents furnished them by the Quarterly Meeting, which were fully united with by that Meeting in joint session -

The clerk informed the Committee that he would record the documents presented, together with a minute proposed, dissolving that Mo. Meeting, and then place in the hands of the clerk of New Bedford Mo. Meeting to which they are annexed, all the Records, Books and

Papers belonging to said Mo. Meeting for safe Keeping -

New Bedford
12th mo 6th 1876.
David K. Akin }
Joseph Wing } Committee
Chas. R. Tucker }

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in this place in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit —
Attest Matthew Howland, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1877.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Mtgs the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are as follows viz:

From Sandwich, Alvah Holway, David Kelley and James E. Gifford -
Dartmouth - Ephraim Gifford, Philip A. Cornell and Moses Smith -
Westport - Adrion Davis and Geo. Hussey Gifford
New Bedford - Edw. W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Isaac L. Cowen, and Edw. G. Dillingham who are present.

Clerks [illegible]

The time for which the clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired Moses Smith on behalf of the representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for clerk and John F. Tucker for Assistant clerk of this Meeting, which proposition being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from all our monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting and we appoint our friends Newell Hoxie, David K. Akin, Gideon Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr Geo. Howland Jr, David Kelley, Charles Taber, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Otis Slocum, Jonathan Cowen John F. Tucker and Edw. W. Howland to attend it as our representatives -

[illegible] All our Monthly Meetings report payment of their proportion of Stock to this

Stock. Meeting and we are informed that ours has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Com. to assist to Y.M. We appoint our friends Henry T. Wood, Otis Slocum + oth a Committee to assist friends, who are in straitened circumstances, that have a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the expense thus incurred –

Pembroke We are informed that all the Books of Record, and Papers belonging to the late Pembroke Mo. Meeting, have been placed in the hands of the Clerk of New Bedford Mo. Meeting –

The following Account addressed to the Yearly Meeting, next to be held at Portland for the first time, was read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign + forward it on our behalf –

Account to Y.M. To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held at Portland, Maine

Dear friends,

We have received the usual extracts from your Meeting, comprising 360 copies of the Printed minutes, with 540 copies of the London General Epistle for 1876, also the usual number of copies of the Boarding school report, all of which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among their Members

The Queries have been read, with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you and appoint our friends Newell Hoxie, David, Gideon Gifford Josiah Holmes Jr, Geo. Howland Jr. David Kelley, Charles Taber, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Otis Slocum, Jonathan Cowen, John F. Tucker, and Edw. W. Howland to attend your Meeting as our representatives –

Our proportion of Stock called for last

year, has been paid to your Treasurer –

Mary Gifford a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 8th mo 5th 1876 aged 89 years, 10 months and 26 days –

Mary Shove a member and Minister of the same Meeting died 8th mo. 27th 1876 aged 92 years 9 months and 9 days –

George Almy a member and Elder of the same died 12th mo. 1st 1876 aged 77 years and 6 days –

Joseph Taber a member and Elder of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 2d 1876 aged 77 years 11 months and 9 days –

Charles R. Tucker a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 21st 1876 aged 67 years, 9 months and 16 days –

The number of members reported last year was 788, since which, there has been received by Certificate two, by request 13, Births 3 – in all 18 making the number 806 from which 23 have been removed by death, 12 by certificate and two disowned in all 37 leaving the present number 769 – a decrease of 19 from last year –

We would inform you of the discontinuance of Pembroke Mo. Meeting the members thereof being joined to New Bedford Mo. Meeting

Summary Answers –

1st All our Meetings for religious Worship & discipline have been attended except four – two of which were on Account of inclement weather and one to attend a funeral – Most friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the hour appointed, a number however, are not careful in this respect, especially in the attendance of mid-week meetings and meetings for discipline – Mostly preserved from unbecoming behavior

Ans. 2d Love and unity are in a good degree cherished among us, although this bond of christian fellowship appears to be wanting in a few – Detraction is generally guarded against - Care is taken to end differences -

Ans. 3rd Many of our Members are concerned to maintain a religious life and Conversation and endeavor by example and precept to train those under their Care in Accordance with our Christian profession - Some however are comparatively indifferent respecting this important duty -

4th The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures collectively in the families of Friends is Common among us as a religious duty and many are also interested to peruse them in private, while we fear a few are suffering from this salutary engagement - Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry appears with very few exceptions to be maintained -

5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is we believe Carefully avoided by Friends with perhaps four exceptions at times - The indulgence in amusements and diversions inconsistent with a religious Character is avoided with a few exceptions noted in two of the Answers - Moderation is generally observed -

6th The circumstances of the Poor are attended to, and some care has been taken when practicable to obtain suitable employment - The education of their children is provided for -

7th Generally clear in the several parts of this query with some exception in regard to oaths in the Account from One Monthly Meeting -

8th Mostly careful in these respects -

9th Our Records are attended to - A few removals without Certificates, most of which are under notice -

10th The discipline is administered with Christian tenderness and impartiality, but not so timely in some cases as would be best - Judgement has we trust been placed in the authority of Truth and According to discipline -

Having been favored to accomplish the business brought before us in love and harmony we conclude proposing to meet again in 7th mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit –

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo. 5th 1877.

The Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings report the following named friends as appointed representatives to this Meeting viz.

Sandwich; David K. Akin, Joseph Ewer, James E. Gifford –
Dartmouth, Jonathan Kirby, Otis Slocum Moses Smith –
Westport, Wm P. Macomber, Adrian Davis –
New Bedford, Henry T. Wood, Edw. G. Dillingham Chas. H. Howland and Seth S. Swift

who are present except two –

We have in the attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Edward C. Young of Westland mo. Meeting, Logan Co. endorsed by Goshen Quarterly Meeting, Ohio and Joel and Hannah E. Bean of Providence Mo. Meeting, who presented certificates from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements – their Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute as it relates to each –

E C Young
Joel Bean
H E Bean

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Mtgs to the 1st 2nd & 10th –

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended –

By the following minute received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, we learn that our proportion of the sum required for the use of that Meeting the present year is $1050. being 35 pr. ct. of the amount to be raised which our Treasurer is directed to pay to George Howland Jr Treas. of the Yearly Meeting, when the state of our Treasury will admit.

Yearly Meeting of Friends 6th mo 1877.

"It is concluded to raise for the use of this Meeting the present year Three thousand Dollars which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to George Howland Jr our Treasurer. The quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is 35 per cent viz $1050.

The Committee on General Meetings under appointment last year was continued for further service the ensuing year, as way may open; and our Quarterly Meetings are hereby requested to appoint Committees to cooperate with the above Committee as heretofore.

At the request of the Committee on Foreign Missions our Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint Committees of those interested in the Work as soon as practicable after receiving this information to assist in carrying out the Concern of the Yearly Meeting"

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

Wm O. Newhall, Clerk.

Auditors report & app't of Treasurer.

By a report from the Auditors, we are informed that the Accounts of our Treasurer have been examined and found correct, showing a balance in his hands of Four hundred & sixty one 88/100 Dollars.

Edward G. Dillingham on behalf the representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer and that the sum of Fourteen hundred Dollars be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which propositions being united with, Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer for the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $1400. the sum proposed to be raised.

Auditors app't

Our dear friend Charles R. Tucker one of the Auditors under appointment by this Meeting having deceased and our friend William C. Taber desiring to be released, we appoint John F. Tucker and John B. Baylies to that service until another appointment

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Our beloved friend Annabella E. Winn attended this meeting and presented a minute from Rhode Island Qr. Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. – her Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute –

A. E. Winn

In accordance with the request of the Yearly Meeting we appoint our friends David Kelley, Joseph Ewer, Ephraim Gifford, Wm P. Macomber and Jno F. Tucker a Committee to unite with those whom our Women friends may appoint in aiding and rendering encouragement to the Yearly Meetings Committee in the holding of General Meetings or series of Meetings within our limits and report to this Meeting in the 4th mo. next –

Com on Gen Meetings

The clerk is directed to inform the several Mo. Meetings belonging to this Meeting that they are requested to appoint Committees as soon as practicable, consisting of Friends interested in the Work of Foreign Missions for the purpose of assisting and promoting the Concern of the Yearly Meeting and its Committee in this important and christian duty –

Mo Mtgs to assist in Foreign Missions

We have received 12 copies of the Providence Boarding school report which the clerk is directed to forward to our respective Monthly Meetings –

School Report

The business brought before us at this time having been accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord permit –

Matthew Howland, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
[illegible] held at Sandwich 10th mo 4th 1877.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to this Meeting are as follows viz.

Sandwich _ David Kelley, Joseph Wing and
Joseph N. Swift _
Dartmouth _ Isaac R. Gifford, Jonathan Kirby
and Otis Slocum _
Westport _ Gideon Gifford and Geo. Hussey Gifford _
New Bedford _ Edw. W. Howland, Holder Howland
Benjn. W. Slade and Jonathan Cowen _
who are all present _

E. Scott, & Seneca H. Stevens.

We have in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Ellwood Scott of Oak Ridge Mo. Meeting held in Grant Co. and Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana and Seneca H. Stevens of Amawalk Mo. Meeting and Purchase Quarterly Meeting, New York, who presented Certificates from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements _ their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute as it relates to each respectively _

The Queries were read at this time with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th _

Minutes & Epistles

We have received the usual number of Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also copies of the London Gen. Epistle for the present year, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution _

The time for which the Committee was appointed having the care of making the necessary Railway arrangements to enable friends more conveniently to attend this Meeting having expired, the friends now under appointment viz Meltiah Gifford, Geo. Howland Jr & Henry T. Wood are continued in that service the ensuing year –

Having disposed of the business brought before us in love and harmony we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in 12th mo. next if the Lord permit –

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 6th 1877 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we learn that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz

Sandwich – Presbury Wing, David K. Akin and
Meltiah Gifford –
Dartmouth – Isaac K. Gifford, Ephraim Gifford,
and Nathaniel Howland –
Westport – Daniel Macomber, and Adrian Davis –
New Bedford – Jas. B. Congdon, William C. Taber
Edw. G. Dillingham and N. Hervey Wilbur –
who are all present –

We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend George E. Dillingham who presented a certificate from Winneshiek Mo. Meeting endorsed by Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting, Iowa expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements – his company and religious labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute – G E Dillingham

Our dear friend Frances C. Dillingham also attended this meeting as companion to her husband Geo. E. Dillingham and presented a minute from Winneshiek Mo. Meeting Iowa expressing unity with her and with her present engagement – her company has been acceptable to us – Frances C. Dillingham

Our beloved friends Peace Jones of

[illegible]

Peace Jones & C. D. Holmes

China Mo. Meeting, Martha N. Hunt of Durham Mo. Meeting both in the State of Maine and Charlotte D. Holmes of Smithfield Mo. Meeting, Rhode Island attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory Certificates from their respective Meetings — their Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish ~~each~~ of them a copy of this minute as it relates to each —

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings —

Mtg. discontinued — Westport Prep Mtg, and N. Town Mid-week [illegible]

We are informed by Westport Monthly Meeting that they have discontinued for the present their Preparative Meeting — By Dartmouth Mo. Meeting that the Mid-week Meeting held at Newtown for Religious Worship has also been discontinued for the present —

Jabez Wood released from Eldership by N B Mo M.

The Clerk of New Bedford Mo. Meeting informs us that they have released our friend Jabez Wood from being an Elder in our Society, which information has been given to the Women's Meeting —

Having transacted the business brought before us in much love and harmony we conclude, proposing to meet again in 4th mo next at New Bedford, if permitted, to do so, by our Heavenly father.

Matthew Howland, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo. 4th 1878.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz –

From Sandwich – Joseph Hoxie, David N. Akin,
Jonathan Boyce –
Dartmouth – Benjn G. Anthony, Daniel B. Akin
David H. Potter –
Westport – Geo. Hussey Gifford, John A. Macomber –
New Bedford – Edw. W. Howland, David S. Wood
Jos. R. Wing, Edw. G. Dillingham & Henry T. Wood –

whose names being called, were all present –

Clerks appd

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, Edward W. Howland on behalf the representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for clerk and John F. Tucker for Assistant clerk of this meeting which proposition being united with, they are appointed to those stations for the year ensuing –

Sarah B Satterthwaite

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite of Great Britain attended this Meeting & presented satisfactory testimonials from Holm Monthly Meeting held at Beckport, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting for Cumberland and Northumberland held at Carlisle and by the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagements – the Company and Gospel labors of this dear friend have been Acceptable to us, and in view of her arduous labors in this Land, has our united sympathy & prayers –

Hannah Thistlethwaite

Our beloved friend Hannah Thistlethwaite attended this Meeting as companion to our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite and presented a certificate from Cheshire Mo. Meeting held at Low Leigton, England, expressing unity with her and with her present engagement – her company has been Acceptable to us –

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We have also in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends Eli Jones of China Mo. Meeting

Eli Jones, Maine, Robert Knight of Mississinewa Mo. Meeting

R Knight, held near Marion, Grant Co, Indiana endorsed

D Douglass, by Mississinewa Quarterly Mtg, David Douglass of

S W Goddard Litchfield Mo. Meeting, Sarah W. Goddard of Vassalboro

S K Reynolds Mo. Meeting, Maine and Sarah K. Reynolds of Providence Mo. Meeting, who presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements - their Company and Gospel Labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish these Friends with copies of this minute as it relates to each -

The Queries with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting and appoint our Friends Geo. Howland Jr, Edw. W. Howland, Josiah Holmes Jr, Jonathan Boyce, William Thompson, Joseph Ewer, John F. Tucker, John A. Macomber, Robert Earle, Chas. Fisher, Moses Smith, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford, William C. Taber and David K. Akin to attend it as our representatives -

Stock

Our several Monthly Meetings report they have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer -

Our proportion of the Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting -

Decease of

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Lydia Congdon a Member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 7th mo 9th 1877 aged 83 years 10 months and 22 days -

Eliza C. Davis an Elder in the same Meeting died 11th mo 26th 1877 aged 78 years 9 months and one day -

We appoint Geo. Howland Jr, Ephraim Gifford, Meltiah Gifford, Alvah Holway, Jonathan Cowen, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, David K. Akin, Henry T. Wood and James West a Committee to render

Com. to assist to Y.M.

such aid as may be necessary to friends in straitened circumstances, who are concerned to attend the Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for expense incurred -

The representatives who may be appointed to attend our next Meeting are requested to take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of Stock from our several Monthly Meetings and report their judgement to said Meeting

Report of Com. on Gen. Mtgs

The Joint Committee appointed to unite with the Yearly Meeting Com. in having the care of holding General Meetings within our limits made the following Report viz -

To the Quarterly Meeting -

The Committee appointed in the 7th mo. last on General Meetings (to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee) report that no General Meetings have been held since that time - Several series of Meetings have been held at Allen's Neck and Smith's Neck, where the Lord's blessing attended them and from reports received from Friends residing in those neighborhoods, they have been held to the edification of Friends and others - the Committee are thankful to be able to report, that they beleive fruit has been borne to the honor of the great Head of the Church -

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford
4th mo 4th 1878.

Wm P. Macomber
Lizzie A. Slade

which being read and considered was Acceptable and encouraging to this Meeting.

Account to Y.M.

The following Account addressed to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to that Meeting -

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held at Newport, Rhode Island -

Dear friends,

We have received the usual

number of copies of the Printed Minutes containing extracts from your Meeting, and Twelve copies of the Boarding school report, all of which, have been forwarded to our Mo. Meetings for disterbution -

The Queries have been read, with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you, and have appointed our friends Geo. Howland Jr, Edw. W. Howland, Josiah Holmes Jr, Jonathan Boyce, Wm Thompson, Joseph Ewer, Jno. F. Tucke Jno. A. Macomber, Robt. Earle, Chas. Fisher, Moses Smith Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford, Wm C. Taber and David K. Akin to attend your Meeting as our representatives -

Our proportion of Stock, called for last year, has been paid to your Treasurer -

Lydia Congdon a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 7th mo 9th 1877 aged 83 years 10 months and 22 days -

Eliza C. Davis a member & Elder of the same Meeting died 11th mo. 26th 1877 aged 78 years 9 months and one day -

We would inform you, that New Bedford Mo. Meeting has released Jabez Wood from being an Elder in our Society -

The number of Members reported last year as belonging to this Quarterly Meeting was 769, since which there have been received by Certificate 5 - by request Eight - Births two - in all 15 - making the number 784, from which 14 have been removed by death, two by Certificate and two have been released by their own request - in all 18 leaving the present number 766 - this result is arrived at by taking the Number of Members as reported last year and adding and deducting the changes, but our Monthly Meetings report the whole number of Members, belonging to this Meeting at the present time as 754 viz New Bedford 378 - Sandwich 189 - Dartmouth 108 - Westport 79 - which account is probably most correct -

During the past year no General Meetings but several series of meetings, have been held within our limits, to the edification of Friends and others living in those neighborhoods, and the Committee express the belief that the Lord's blessing attended them and has been borne to the honor of the great Head of the Church —

An Aged and beloved Member of this Meeting expressed a concern, that had rested for some time with weight on his mind, that in consideration of the threatening prospect of War, between two great Nations of Europe, some expression, should be given forth by this Society of our abhorence of all War, and a desire that every effort should be exerted, to prevent so great a calamity from falling upon the civilized World, which concern was fully united with by this meeting and the Clerk was directed to embody it in our report to the Yearly Meeting.

Summary Answers.

1st All our Meetings for Worship and discipline have been held with the exception of three (one omitted in consequence of a Funeral, and two on Account of the severity of the weather) and most Friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the hour appointed — Quite a number however, neglect the attendance of Mid-Week meetings and those for discipline — Mostly preserved from unbecoming behavior — Some care has been taken in the above deficiencies —

2d Love and unity are we beleive maintained by most Friends, while this badge of discipleship appears to be wanting in a few — Detraction is generally guarded against — Care is taken to end differences when they arise —

3d We beleive most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and by example and precept to train up their children in accordance with our christian profession —

4th The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in families, is we think general among us, and we beleive that many of our Members do encourage their children in the daily performance of this religious duty —

Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry appears with few exceptions to be maintained -

Ans. 5th We think Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with five or six exceptions, and most are careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian Character - Moderation is generally observed -

Ans. 6th The circumstances of the Poor are attended to, and some Care is taken to procure suitable employment - Means are provided for the education of their children -

7th Generally clear; but two of our Members have joined a Military Company - Some Care taken -

8th We think with a few exceptions - Friends are careful in the several parts of this query -

9th Our records are attended to - There have been a few removals without certificates, some of which are under Notice -

10th Care has we beleive been taken to administer the discipline impartially and in christian tenderness, but we fear not always so timely as would be best -

Judgement has we trust, been placed in the authority of truth and in accordance with the discipline -

Our business being accomplished, we seperate acknowledging with gratitude, that many hearts have been united in the love of Christ, and propose to meet again at Falmouth in the 7th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
m° 1878 held at Falmouth 7th mo 4th 1878.

The Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings report the following friends as representatives to this meeting viz

From Sandwich - David K. Akin, Stephen R. Wing
Jonathan Boyce
Dartmouth - Moses Smith, Ephraim Gifford,
Jonathan Kirby -
Westport - Geo. H. Gifford, D. Macomber, Jno. A. Macomber -

From New Bedford - Seth K. Akin, William C. Taber 7mo
Arnold Gifford Tripp, Edw. G. Dillingham & Benjn W. Slade -
who are present except one detained at home on account of
sickness in his family -

We have in attendance of this meeting our J. F. Hanson
beloved friends John F. Hanson from Bear Creek Monthly E. L. Comstock
and Bear Creek Quarterly Meetings, Iowa. Elizabeth Alida Clark
L. Comstock from Rollin Monthly and Adrian Q'ly
Meetings Michigan, Alida Clark from Southland
Monthly Meeting held near Helena Arkansas and
the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting
who severally presented certificates from their
respective Meetings expressing unity with them
as Ministers and with their present religious
engagements - their company and Gospel labors
have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed
to furnish these friends with a copy of this minute
as it relates to each respectively -

Our beloved friend Phebe T. Underhill also P. T. Underhill
attended this meeting as companion to our friend Elizth
L. Comstock and presented a minute from Baltimore
Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her as a member
and with her present engagement - her company has
been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed
to furnish her with a copy of this minute -

By the following minute recd from the clerk
of the Yearly Meeting we learn that our proportion Stock
of the sum proposed to be raised for the use of
that Meeting the present year is $1750. being
35 per ct of the whole amount, which our Treasurer
is directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr Treas. of the
Yearly Meeting when the state of Treasury will admit -

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
England held in Sixth mo. 1878.

It was concluded to raise for the use
of the Meeting this year the sum of Five thousand
Dollars: and Geo. Howland Jr is reappointed
Treasurer - Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby

directed to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting their respective proportions of said sum — Sandwich Qy Meeting's Quota is 35 pr ct $1750.

By direction of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall, clerk

Treasurer app.

Edw. G. Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informed us they were united in proposing that the sum of $2100. be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year and the name of Matthew Howland for Treasurer which propositions being united with our several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of $2100. the sum proposed to be raised — the representatives also proposed at this time the following new apportionment of Stock viz Sandwich 15 pr ct. Dartmouth 10 do. Westport 6 do. and New Bedford 69 do. —

New apportionment of st'k

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from all our Monthly Meetings

School Report

We have received 16 copies of the Boarding school report, which the clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings —

Committee Gen. Mtg.

In Accordance with the request from the Yearly Meeting we appoint David Kelley, Joseph Ewer, Ephraim Gifford, Wm P. Macomber, and John T. Tucker a Committee to unite with those whom our Women friends may appoint for the purpose of aiding and rendering encouragement to Yearly meeting Committee in the holding of General Meetings or series of Meetings within our borders and report to this Meeting in 4th mo. next —

The business of this Meeting having been accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10th mo. 3d 1878.

By Accounts received from our Monthly Mtgs we learn that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz

From Sandwich, Isaiah Crocker, Joseph Wing,
Jonathan Boyce –
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Isaac R. Potter,
Nathaniel Howland –
" Westport, Henry E. Davis, Gideon Gifford –
" New Bedford, Seth K. Akin, John B. Bayliss,
Seth S. Swift and Edw. G. Dillingham
who are present.

"Ministry of Wm Thompson & Ed G. Dilling ham acknowledged

We concur with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of our friends William Thompson and Edward G. Dillingham, the Women's Meeting uniting herein and the clerk is directed to forward this information to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and to our next Yearly meeting –

The Queries were read with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings –

"Minutes & Epistles.

We have received the usual number of Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and 540 copies of the London General Epistle for the present year, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Mtgs for distribution among our Members and others –

The time for which the Committee were appointed having the care of making the necessary Railway arrangements to enable friends more conveniently to attend this meeting having expired, the friends now under appointment viz Elihu Gifford, Geo. Howland Jr and Henry T. Wood are continued in that service for the year ensuing –

Having been favored to accomplish the business brought before us in much love and unity we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th mo. next if the Lord permit

Matthew Howland clerk.

[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo. 5th 1878.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, we learn that the representatives to attend this Meeting are as follows viz.

From Sandwich, David Kelley, Joseph Hoxie, Jonathan Boyce –
Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Moses Smith, Gideon K. Howland –
Westport, Daniel Macomber, Adrean Davis –
New Bedford, Joseph Taber, James B. Congdon, N Hervey Wilbur and Benj W. Slade who are present –

Ellwood Scott. We have in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friend Ellwood Scott who presented a minute from Oak Ridge Mo. Meeting endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting held at Back Creek in Grant Co State of Indiana, expressing unity with him, as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ and with his present religious engagements – his Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute –

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings –

Having been favored to Accomplish the business brought before us in much love and harmony, we conclude, proposing to meet again in New Bedford in the 4th mo. next if the Lord permit –

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 3d 1879.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows viz

From Sandwich, Joseph N. Swift, David Kelley
Alvah Holway_
Dartmouth, Isaac R. Potter, Nathaniel Howland,
Otis Slocum_
Westport_ Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis_
New Bedford, Seth K. Akin, Arnold G. Tripp,
David S. Wood, Geo. Howland Jr, and N.
Hervey Wilbur who are present_

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired George Howland Jr on behalf the representatives proposed the Name of Matthew Howland for clerk and John T. Tucker for Assistant clerk of this meeting, whose names being considered seperately were approved and they are Accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing year_ Clerks.

We have in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friend Ruth S. Murray who presented a Certificate from New York Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagements_ her Company and religious services have been Acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this Minute_ Ruth Murray

The Queries were read in this meeting with Answers from our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting and appoint our friends George Howland Jr, Edw G. Dillingham, James B. Congdon, Isaac R. Potter, Geo. Hussey Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr, Stephen R. Wing, David K. Akin, William C. Taber, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Howland, John T. Tucker and Gideon Wood to attend it as our representatives_ [illegible] Our several Monthly Meetings report, they have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer -

Stock. Our proportion of Stock ordered to be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting this year has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting -

Decease of [illegible] Isaac R. Gifford a Member and Elder of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting died 8th mo 2d 1878 aged 91 years 2 months and 7 days -

Nathaniel Gifford a Member and Elder of Westport Mo. Meeting deceased 8th mo 22d 1878 aged 80 years 3 months and 26 days -

Angeline S. Gidley made an Elder We concur with the Women's Meeting in uniting with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Angeline S. Gidley to the station of Elder -

Report of Com on Gen M The joint Committee appointed in the 7th mo last, to unite with the Yearly Meeting's Committee in having the care of holding General or "Series of Meetings" within our limits made the following report viz -

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting -

Your Committee on General meetings submit the following report - No General Meetings have been held within our limits during the past year - "Series of Meetings" have been held in New Bedford Nantucket and Westport, which were seasons of blessing to those who attended them - many bearing testimony to the help received in them, from Him who has promised to be in the midst of those, who meet in His name - We are also encouraged in the hope that some who were afar off, by faith, were brought nigh, through the blood of Christ and are now rejoicing in the hope of the Gospel - We would recommend continued efforts, through these means, that God has appointed and blessed

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford
4th mo 3d 1879.

Wm P. Macomber
Elizabeth A. Slade.

4mo

which being read and considered was acceptable and satisfactory to us—

Com. to assist

We appoint Geo. Howland Jr, Ephraim Gifford, Meltiah Gifford, Alvah Holway, Jonathan Cowen, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, David K. Akin, Henry T. Wood and James West a Committee to render such aid as may be necessary to Friends in straitened circumstances, who are concerned to attend the Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for expense incurred—

Account

The following Account addressed to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf—

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held at Portland, Maine—

Dear friends,

We have received the usual number of copies of the Printed Minutes containing extracts from the Minutes of your last Meeting, also, reports of the Boarding School Committee, and 540 copies of London General Epistle for last year, all of which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our members—

The Queries have been read with Answers from our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you, and have appointed our friends George Howland Jr, Edw. G. Dillingham, James B. Congdon, Isaac R. Potter, George Hussey Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr, Stephen R. Wing, David K. Aiken, William C. Taber, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker and Gideon Wood to attend your Meeting as our representatives—

Our proportion of the Amount ordered to be raised for the use of your Meeting this year, has been paid to your Treasurer—

Isaac R. Gifford a member and Elder of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting died 8th mo 2nd, 1878 aged 91 years 2 months and 7 days—

Nathaniel Gifford a member and Elder of Westport Monthly Meeting deceased 8th mo 22d 1878 aged 80 years 3 months and 26 days –

This Meeting has united with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of our friends William Thompson and Edw. G. Dillingham –

We have also united with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Angeline S. Gidley to the station of Elder –

The number of members reported last year as belonging to this Quarterly Meeting was 754 – since which, there have been received by request 14 – Restoration One – Births 6 – by Certificate 3 in all 24 – making the number 778, from which 18 have deceased and one has been disowned, leaving the present number 759 viz. New Bedford 386 – Sandwich 183 – Dartmouth 112 – and Westport 78, as reported from these Meetings respectively –

During the past year, we have had no General Meetings within our limits, but "series of meetings" have been held in New Bedford, Nantucket and Westport, which were considered seasons of blessing to those who attended them many bearing testimony to the strength and help received in them from Him, who has promised to be in the midst of every rightly gathered assembly, and we recommend continued efforts, through these means which God has appointed & blessed –

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 3d 1879.

Matthew Howland, Clerk.

We are informed by Sandwich Monthly Meeting, that the Meeting for worship held at Yarmouth on first-day afternoon is discontinued during six months of year –

Having been favored to transact

the business brought before us in much love and harmony, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in 7th mo. next if the Lord permit —

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

Summary of the Answers —

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held & attended by nearly all our Members on First-days — but many do not attend mid-week Meetings and those for discipline — Most friends endeavor to observe the hour — Nearly clear of unbecoming behavior — Some care extended —

Ans. 2nd We beleive that a large portion of our members, endeavor to maintain love and unity, and to guard against detraction — When differences arise, care is taken to end them —

Ans. 3d Most friends, we beleive are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation & endeavor by example and precept to train up their children in accordance with our religious profession; but some we fear are remiss in this important duty —

Ans. 4th Friends frequently read the Holy scriptures individually and collectively in their families encouraging their children and others in the daily practise of this religious duty — Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry, appears with a very few exceptions to be maintained —

Ans. 5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is we beleive carefully avoided by Friends with two exceptions — Friends are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a christian character — moderation we think is observed — Some care taken —

Ans. 6th The circumstances of the Poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance are attended to, and care is taken to obtain suitable employment when practicable — Means are provided for the education of their children —

4 mo 79. Ans. 7th Friends appear to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this query—

Ans. 8th Mostly careful in these respects—

Ans. 9th Our Records are carefully attended to— A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice—

Ans. 10th We believe that Friends are engaged to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, timely and impartially— Judgement has we trust been placed in the authority of truth and in accordance with the discipline—

7 mo 79 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 3d 1879.

By Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we learn that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows.

From Sandwich— Joseph Hoxie, David Kelley, Arnold Gifford—
" Dartmouth— Otis Slocum, Moses Smith, Isaac R. Potter—
" Westport— Gideon Gifford, Daniel Macomber—
" New Bedford— Wm C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Edw. G. Dillingham and Seth S. Swift whose names being called, were all present—

Stanley Pumphrey Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey of Great Britain, who attended this Meeting in 1876 and whose Certificates were then read is again with us— his Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable and edifying and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute—

Sarah G Pumphrey Our beloved friend Sarah G. Pumphrey attended this Meeting as Companion to her husband Stanley Pumphrey and presented a minute from Bury Monthly Meeting, held at Sudbury, England expressing unity with her, as a member of their Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and with her present engagement—

Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing her with a copy of our Minute –

The Queries have been recd with answers to the 1st, 2nd an 10th from all our Monthly Meetings –

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended with one exception, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned –

The Auditors of this Meeting presented the following report Auditors report

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct with the payments properly vouched for –

The Balance in the hands of the Treasurer is $607.91

John F. Tucker }
John B. Baylies } auditors

By the following communication received from the Yearly Meeting, it appears, that our proportion of Stock for that Meeting the present year is $1400. Stock
which Amount our Treasurer is directed to pay when the state of Treasury will admit –

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine in 6th mo 1879.

It was concluded to raise for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four thousand Dollars – Our Quarterly Meetings were requested to pay to Geo. Howland Jr our Treasr their respective proportions of said sum –

The Quota for Sandwich Qy Meeting is 35 pr ct $1400.

By direction of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall, Clerk.

Edward G. Dillingham on behalf the representatives informed the Meeting they had consulted together and were united in proposing Matthew Howland for Treasurer and that the sum Treasurer [illegible] of $1600 be raised for the use of the Meeting this year which being united with Matthew Howland is reappointed Treasurer for the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of the sum to be raised—

School Report

We have received at this time 14 Copies of the Providence Boarding school report which the Clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Mtgs—

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude and feel thankfully to acknowledge that the present time has been a Season of renewed favor and blessing, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo. next if the Lord permit—

Matthew Howland Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 2nd 1879.

By Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz.

Sandwich — Jonathan Boyce, Barnabas Holway,
David Kelley—
Dartmouth — Jonathan Kirby, Moses Smith,
Isaac R. Potter—
Westport — Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis—
New Bedford — Ezra Kelley, Jonathan Cowen
Edw. T. Tucker, Abm. Gifford & Benj. H. Kirby

who are present except six, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned—

Jos. Stanley

We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend Joseph Stanley, who presented a minute from Damascus Mo. Meeting endorsed by Damascus Quarterly Mtg, Ohio expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagements— his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us—

Our beloved friend Lydia Stanley attended this meeting as Companion to her husband Jos. Stanley and presented a minute from Damascus Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement – her company has been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish the above named friends with a Copy of these minutes as they relate to each –

Lydia Stanley.

The Queries were read with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2nd and 10th –

We have received this Year the usual number of Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to the Monthly Meetings for distribution among our Members –

Minutes of Y.M.

The time for which the Committee were appointed, having the care of Making the necessary Railway Arrangements to enable Friends more generally to attend this meeting having expired we reappoint our friends Meltiah Gifford, George Howland jr and Henry T. Wood to that service for the year ensuing –

Railway Com.

We have in attendance of this meeting several Members of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the subject of Temperance, whose Company has been Acceptable to us –

Y.M. Com on Temp- erance present.

Having been favored to Accomplish the business brought before us in much love and harmony, we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th mo next if the Lord permit –

Attest, Matthew Howland clerk

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[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo. 4th 1879.

By Accounts received from the Monthly Meetings we learn that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

From Sandwich - David K. Akin, Joseph Ewer
Meltiah Gifford -
" Dartmouth, Otis Slocum, Ephraim Gifford
Jonathan Kirby -
Westport - James A. Gifford, Daniel Macomber
New Bedford - Jos. Grinnell, Benjn. H. Kirby,
Jon. Cowen, Edw. G. Dillingham & Thos. F. Hafford

who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned -

Wm Thornbury, Phebe M Wadsworth. We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friends William J. Thornbury from Walnut Ridge Mo. Meeting Ohio and Phebe M. Wadsworth from Litchfield Mo. Meeting Maine, who presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements - their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute so far as it relates to each -

The request from Sandwich Mo. Meeting to have the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting in Falmouth changed is referred to our next Meeting in the 4th mo. the Women's Meeting concurring.

Epistles. We have received the usual number of London General Epistle for this year, which have been sent to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our Members -

The business brought before us, having been accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit.

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 1st 1880.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings; we learn that the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are as follows viz

From Sandwich – Stephen R. Wing, Arnold Gifford
David Kelley –
" Dartmouth Otis Slocum, George W. Francis,
Charles Fisher –
" Westport – Geo. Hussey Gifford, Elbridge G. Chace –
" New Bedford – Geo. Howland Jr, Thos. T. Hoffards
John R. Bayliss and Jonathan Cowen who are present –

Clerks

The time for which the clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, George Howland Jr on behalf the representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for clerk & John T. Tucker for Assistant – the proposition being united with they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment –

D. Douglass

Our beloved friend David Douglass attended this Meeting & presented a Certificate from Litchfield Mo. Meeting endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement, his Company and Gospel Labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute –

The Queries were read at this time with Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting and appoint our friends Wm C. Taber, Jonathan Cowan, Edw. G. Dillingham William Thompson, Nathaniel Howland, David K. Akin, Geo. Howland Jr, Stephen R.

[illegible] Wing, Gideon Gifford, David Kelley, John F. Tucker, and Matthew Howland to attend it as our representatives—

Stock. All our Monthly Meetings inform us they have paid their proportion of Stock to this Meeting, and we learn that our proportion of the Amount ordered to be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting this year, has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting—

Decease of [illegible] Minister. Daniel Swift a Member and Minister of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 8th mo. 21st 1879 aged 86 years 8 months and 15 days—

Stephen R. Wing Elder. We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen R. Wing to the station of Elder, the Women's Meeting concurring herein, and the Clerk is requested to convey this information to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders—

Time of Q. Meet. Falmouth Changed. The request of Sandwich Mo. Meeting to change the holding of this Meeting at Falmouth from the First 5th day in the 7th mo. to the Second 5th day in the same having been referred from our last Meeting to this, is now approved, the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers + Elders to be held the day previous at 3 P.M.—the change to take place next Year—

Com to assist Y. Meet. We appoint our friends Alvah J. Colway, Gideon Wood, Gideon Gifford, Jonathan Cowan, Charles Fisher, Edw. G. Dillingham, David Kelley, Edward T. Tucker, and Meltiah Gifford a Committee to render assistance to such friends as may be in straitened circumstances, who have a concern to attend our next Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for expense incurred—

The following Account addressed to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf—

Account to Y M

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held at Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear friends,

We received at the usual time last year copies of the Printed Minutes containing extracts from the minutes of your Meeting, also Reports of the Boarding school Committee and 540 Copies of London General Epistle for last year, all of which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution –

The Queries have been read, with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was adopted & directed to be forwarded to you and appoint our friends Wm C. Taber, Jonathan Cowan Edw. G. Dillingham, Wm Thompson, Nathaniel Howland David K. Akin, George Howland Jr. Stephen R. Wing Gideon Gifford, David Kelley, John F. Tucker and Matthew Howland to attend your Meeting as our representatives –

Daniel Swift a Member and Minister of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 8th mo 21st 1879 aged 86 years 8 months and 15 days –

This Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen R. Wing to the station of an Elder –

Our proportion of the sum proposed to be raised for the use of your Meeting this year has been paid to your Treasurer –

A request of Sandwich Mo. Meeting to change the time of holding this Meeting at Falmouth from the first 5th day in the 4th mo to the second 5th day in the same Month, commencing as heretofore at 10 1/2 oclock A.M. is approved – the Meeting for Ministers & Elders to be held the day previous at 3 oclock P.M. the change to take place next year –

The number of Members reported as belonging to this Meeting last year was 759 – since which there have been received by request 4 – Births 5 – by certificate 10 – in all 19 – making the number 778, of which 22 have died – 4 have been released and 5 removed from our limits leaving the present number as 747 a decrease of 12 for the past year – New Bedford 388 members – Sandwich 178 – Dartmouth 108 – and Westport 73 as reported by each of these meetings.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 1st 1880.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time in the 7th mo. next at Falmouth if permitted in the ordering of Divine Providence –

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

Summary of the Answers.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline, have been regularly held, with some exception in two small meetings; those on First-day mornings are attended by most of our Members; of those held in the middle of the week & for discipline many are neglectful – The hour is nearly observed – nearly all are preserved from unbecoming behavior –

Ans. 2d With few exceptions love and unity are maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against – Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear –

Ans. 3d We believe that most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept to train up their children in accordance with our christian profession –

Ans. 4th We belive mos Friends read the Holy scriptures individually and collectively in their families and encourage their children and others in this religious duty; and are careful to maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry—

Ans. 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with three exceptions— most Friends are careful to avoid Amusements and diversions inconsistent with our Christian profession and to observe moderation in all things—

Ans. 6th The circumstances of the Poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved and they assisted in obtaining employment— The education of their children is provided for—

Ans. 7th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears—

Ans. 8th We beleive most Friends are careful in the several parts of this query—

Ans. 9th Our records are attended to, some removals without certificates are under notice—

Ans. 10th The discipline is administered we beleive in Christian tenderness and impartially though not so timely in some cases, as might be desirable; and judgement is placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline—

7mo 80

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo. 1st 1880.

By reports from all our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following friends were appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz.

from Sandwich - David K. Akin, James E. Gifford, Alvah Holway -

Dartmouth - Jonathan Kirby, Ephraim Gifford Moses Smith -

Westport - Elbridge G. Chace, Adrian Davis -

New Bedford - Seth S. Swift, Ezra Kelley, Edw. G. Dillingham & John B. Baylies who are present -

Luke Woodard, John Cary, Jos. Stanley, Deborah C. Thomas

We have in attendance of this Meeting at this time our beloved friends Luke Woodard of New Garden Mo. Meeting held at Arba Randolph Co. Indiana, John Crary of Back Creek Mo. Meeting, Grant Co. and Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana, Joseph Stanley of Damascus Mo. Meeting and Damascus Quarterly Meeting, Ohio, and Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore Mo. Meeting and Balt. Quarterly Meeting, Maryland, who presented Certificates from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements - their Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us -

Sarah B. Satterthwaite

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite who attended this Meeting in 4th mo. 1878, is again Acceptably with us and presented satisfactory testimonials from Holm Mo. Meeting endorsed by Cumberland and Northumberland Quarterly Meeting, also by London Yearly Meeting for Ministry & oversight held in London 5th mo. 1880 expressing unity with her as a minister and in her present religious engagements -

Mary White

We have also with us, our beloved friend Mary White as companion to our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite and presented a minute from Edinburgh's Two Months Meeting endorsed by General meeting for Scotland held at Edinburgh 5th mo 1880. their Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed furnish all these dear friends with Copies of this minute as it relates to each –

Our beloved friend Elvira T. Woodard attended this meeting as Companion to her husband Luke Woodard and presented a satisfactory minute from a Committee of New Garden Mo. Meeting, Indiana to provide for Ministers liberated for Gospel service – her Company has been Acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this minute – E. T. Woodard

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives, report they were present –

The Auditors report that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts and found them correct shewing a Balance in his hands of $449.61 – Audit [illegible]

By the following Communication received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, it appears that our proportion of Stock for that Meeting the present year is $1400. which Amount our Treasurer is directed to pay when the state of the Treasury will admit – [illegible]

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport R. I. Sixth Month 1880.

This Meeting concludes to raise the sum of Four thousand Dollars for its use the ensuing year – and our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr our Treasurer their respective proportion of said sum – The Quota for Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is 35 pct $1400. –

On behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall, clerk.

We are informed by Edw. G. Dillingham on behalf the representatives, that they have Consulted together and were united in proposing that the

[illegible] sum of $1600. be raised for the use of this Meeting
and that Matthew Howland be reappointed
Treasurer Treasurer, which propositions being united with,
Matthew Howland is appointed our Treasurer for
the ensuing year and the Monthly Meetings are
directed to forward to him their respective proportions
of the sum to be raised –

By a Communication from the Clerk of the
Yearly Meeting we are informed that they concur with
us, in changing the time of holding this Meeting here
from the first 5th day, to the second 5th day in the 7th mo
commencing at 10 A. M. the change to take place next year.
the Meeting of Ministers & Elders to be held the day previous
at 3 P. M. – and also to inform our Monthly Meetings
of the request that they appoint Committees to raise
funds in aid of the Syrian Mission which information
the clerk is directed to forward to our several Mo. Meetings

Rebecca H. Smiley acknowledged a Minister We concur with the Women's Meeting in approving
the Action of New Bedford Mo. Meeting in Acknowledging
the gift and approving the public Ministry of Rebecca
H. Smiley and the clerk is directed to convey this
information to the Meeting of Ministers & Elders & the Yearly Mtg –

School Report We have received at this Ten Copies of Report
Boarding school Committee for this year which the clerk
is requested to forward to the Monthly Meetings –

The business brought before us being Accomplished
and having at this time been favored to feel a measure
of the Heavenly father's blessed presence amongus, we
Conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in
10th mo next if the Lord permit –

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo. 7th 1880.

By reports from all our Monthly Mtgs we learn that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz.

1. From Sandwich – Joseph Hoxie, Isaiah Crocker, Arnold Gifford
Dartmouth – Otis Slocum, Gideon K. Howland Isaac R. Potter
Westport – Gideon Gifford, James A. Gifford
New Bedford – Ezra Kelley, Joseph R. King, Edw G. Dillingham and John F. Tucker –

who are present, except three, for the absence of One of these a satisfactory reason was assigned –

Hannah B Sawyer.

Our beloved friend Hannah B. Sawyer attended this Meeting and presented a Certificate from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagements, her Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this Minute –

Y.M. Minute

We have received this year the usual number of Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to the Monthly Meetings for distribution among our members

Ruth S
Murray
minute to
[illegible]

We unite with the Womens Meeting in their Concurrence with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in approving a Certificate issued by that Meeting last Month to our friend Ruth S. Murray a minister in unity with us to attend the Yearly Meeting of Indiana and for religious service within its limits – The clerk is directed to endorse the certificate on our behalf –

The time for which the Committee were appointed, having care of making the necessary Railway arrangements to enable Friends more generally to attend our Meetings having expired, we are united in reappointing to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment our friends Meltiah Gifford, Geo. Howland Jr and Henry T. Wood –

Railway Committee

The business brought before us being accomplished in much love and harmony we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th mo next if the Lord permit –

Attest – Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo. 2nd 1880.

By reports from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting viz
From Sandwich – David Kelley, Presbury Wing,
James. E. Gifford –
Dartmouth – Philip A. Cornell, Charles Fisher
Moses Smith –
Westport – Daniel Macomber, Gideon Gifford –
New Bedford – Gideon Wood, N. Hervey Wilbur
Joshua L. Macomber and Geo. Howland Jr
who are all present.

The Queries have been read with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings to 1st, 2nd + 10th –

R S Murray retd minute

Our beloved friend Ruth S. Murray returned the Minute granted her in the 9th mo last, by New Bedford Mo. Meeting and endorsed by this meeting, and presented a returning Minute from Indiana Yearly Meeting stating she had acceptably attended that Meeting, and her own account of the religious labors and experience, in attending to services, required of her by the Lord has been instructive and encouraging to us –

Change of time Sandwich Mo Meeting

We unite with Sandwich Mo. Meeting in changing the time of holding that Meeting at Falmouth in the 7th mo from the 6th day after the first 5th day to the 6th day after the second 5th day of the same month, the Women's Meeting concurring herein –

The usual number of Copies of the London General Epistle for this year have been received and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our Members and others –

Gen. Epist

We are informed by the Account from Westport Mo. Meeting, of the discontinuance for the present, of the Meeting for Worship held at "Centre" –

Mtg for Worship discontinued at "Centre"

Having been favored to transact the business brought before us in love and harmony we conclude proposing to meet again in the 4th mo. Next at New Bedford, if the Lord permit –

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 7th 1881.

By reports from our Monthly Meetings we learn that the Friends appointed representatives to this meeting are as follows viz. from

Sandwich – Stephen R. Wing, David K. Akin
Arnold Gifford –
Dartmouth – Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland
Charles Fisher –
Westport – Gideon Gifford, Daniel Macomber –
New Bedford – Geo. Howland Jr, Charles Taber,
Jos. R. Wing and N Hervey Wilbur who are all present –

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, George Howland Jun. on behalf the representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for Clerk & John F. Tucker for Assistant Clerk which proposition being united with, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year or until another appointment –

Clerks

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite of England, who attended this Meeting in the 7th mo. last and then presented satisfactory testimonials is again acceptably with us, as also our friends Eli Jones and Allen Jay

Sarah B. Satterthwaite

Eli Jones Allen Jay

[illegible] members of Committee appointed by Yearly Meeting on General Meetings—the Company and Gospel labors of these dear Friends have been encouraging and edifying to us—

The Queries were read, with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting and appoint our friends William C. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland Jr, David Kelley, Edw. G. Dillingham, Gideon Gifford, John F. Tucker, Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland, Isaac K. Potter, Joseph R. Wing, Wm P. Macomber and William Thompson to attend it as our representatives—

Stock. We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion of Stock to this Meeting and that our proportion has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting—

Deceased of Select Members Samuel Gifford a Member and Minister of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 9th mo 16th 1880, aged 86 years, 3 months, + 20 days—

Lydia Taber a Member and Elder of the same Meeting deceased 3d mo. 28th 1880 aged 89 years 3 months, 27 days—

Com to assist to Y. Mtg We appoint our friends, Alvah Holway, Gideon Wood, Gideon Gifford, Jonathan Cowen, Charles Fisher, Edward G. Dillingham, David Kelley Edward T. Tucker, and Meltiah Gifford a Committee to render pecuniary aid to such Friends, desirous of attending the Yearly Meeting who are in straitened circumstances, and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for expenses incurred—

[illegible] The following report to the Yearly Meeting was read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it on our behalf

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland Maine—

Dear friends,

We have received the usual number of Copies of the Printed Minutes of your Meeting held last year, also reports of the Boarding School Committee which have been read to our satisfaction - We have also received 540 Copies of London General Epistle for the year 1880 all of which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distibution among our Members -

The Queries have been read with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a Summary of which, was approved and directed to be forwarded to you, and have appointed our friends William C. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland Jr, David Kelley, Edw. G. Dillingham, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland, Isaac R. Potter, Joseph R. Wing, Wm P. Macomber and Wm Thompson as our representatives -

Our proportion of Stock ordered to be raised for the use of your Meeting this year, has been paid to your Treasurer -

This Meeting has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the Public Ministry of our friend Rebecca H. Smiley -

Lemuel Gifford a member and Minister of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 9th mo. 16th 1880 aged 86 years 3 months and 20 days -

Lydia Taber a Member and Elder of the same Meeting deceased 3d mo 28th 1880 aged 84 years 3 months and 27 days -

The number of Members belonging to this Meeting in our last report were 747, since which there have been received by request 9 - by Certificate 15 - Births 2 - in all 26 - making the number 773 - of which 19 have died - One resigned and 10 have removed from our limits, leaving the present number to 743 - A nett loss of Four during the year -

- New Bedford 396 - Sandwich 175 - Dartmouth 106 -

4 mo 1881 and Westport 66 as reported by each of these Meetings-

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 7th 1881.

Matthew Howland clerk

Having been favoured to Accomplish the business brought before us, we conclude proposing to meet again on the Second Fifth day in the 7th mo next at Falmouth if the Lord permit —

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

Summary of Answers-

Ans. 1st " All our meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held, except at Nantucket, and two meetings at Dartmouth, omitted on Account of inclement Weather and sickness. On First-days, most Friends attend them duly, and at the hour appointed, while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are neglected by some nearly clear of unbecoming behavior —

Ans. 2nd " Love and unity are in good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against: when any differences arise endeavors are used to end them —

Ans. 3d " With few exceptions, Friends are Careful to maintain a religious life and conversation; and endeavor by example and precept, to train their children and others under their care, in Accordance with our Christian profession —

Ans. 4th " We believe that most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and Collectively in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty: our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry, appears with very few exceptions to be maintained —

Ans. 5th " The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is we believe carefully avoided with three exceptions: a few of our Members are not Careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character: moderation is generally observed –

Ans. 6th The circumstances of the Poor are attended to; some care has been taken when practicable to obtain suitable employment – The education of their children is provided for –

Ans. 7th Friends are careful in the several parts of this query, with one or two exceptions in relation to military Matters –

Ans. 8th Mostly Careful in these respects –

Ans. 9th Our Records are attended to: a few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice –

Ans. 10th Friends are engaged to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially; and endeavor to bestow timely care – Judgement has we trust been placed in the authority of Truth and According to discipline –

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting 7mo. 18
of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 14. 1881.

By reports received from all our Monthly Meetings, we learn that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz.

From Sandwich – David Kelley, Stephen R. Wing, Arnold Gifford –
Dartmouth – Jonathan Kirby, Isaac R. Potter, Moses Smith –
Westport – Elbridge G. Chase, Gideon Gifford –
New Bedford – Edw. G. Dillingham, George Howland Jr, Arnold Tripp, and James M. Tripp who are present with two exceptions –

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they attended with two exceptions, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned –

7m 1881
Wm G. Johnson, E. C. Young, Jos Stanley, E G Wood

Our beloved friends Wm G. Johnson of Plainfield Mo. Meeting, State of Indiana Edward C. Young of Westland Mo. Meeting Ohio, Joseph Stanley of Damascus Monthly Meeting Ohio and Edward G. Wood of Kokomo Mo. Meeting, Indiana attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials of the unity of their friends with them and with their present religious engagements — their Company and Gospel labors have been to our edification and encouragement, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively —

Lydia Stanley, M E Young, E J Morris

Our beloved friends Lydia Stanley an Elder from Damascus Mo. Meeting, Companion to her husband Joseph Stanley, Maria E. Young of Westland Mo. Meeting, Ohio Companion to her father Edward C. Young and Emily J. Morris an Elder from Coloma Mo. Meeting, Companion to her father Wm G. Johnson attended this meeting and

presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them and with their present religious engagements — Their Company has been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute as it relates to each —

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings —

Auditors report

The Auditors report that they have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct shewing a balance of $434.12 in his hands —

By a communication from our last Yearly Meeting, we are informed that our proportion of the sum, necessary to be raised, for the service of that Meeting the ensuing year is $1400. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit —

George Howland Jr on behalf the representatives reported they had Conferred together and concluded to propose that $1400. be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year and that Matthew Howland be appointed Treasurer, which propositions being Acceptable to this Meeting, Matthew Howland is Accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportion of the above sum —

In Accordance with a Communication received from the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to request our several Monthly Monthly Meetings to appoint a Committee for the purpose of obtaining more funds to promote the Mission Work in which we are engaged in Syria and pay over the same to Geo. Howland Jr Treas. of Committee having charge of this important Work —

Three hundred & forty copies of the Printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with some reports of the Boarding School Committee have been received for the use of our Members and distributed to our several Monthly Meetings in the usual proportion

Printed
Y.M. Minute

The business brought before us being Accomplished, and under a feeling of humble thankfulness, that the Wing of ancient Goodness has been spread over us at this time, we Conclude proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord permit —

Attest Matthew Howland, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 6th 1881.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz.

from Sandwich _ David K. Akin, Meltiah Gifford
Stephen R. Wing _
" Dartmouth _ Moses Smith, Otis Slocum, Philip
A. Cornell _
" Westport _ Gideon Gifford, Adnan Davis
" New Bedford _ Henry T. Wood, Jonathan Cowen
Jos. R. Wing and Matthew Howland who

are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned _

S. Adelbert Wood
* J. Riley

We have in attendance of this Meeting our beloved friends S. Adelbert Wood of Rollin Monthly Meeting, Michigan and John Riley of Richland Mo. Meeting, Indiana who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements _ their Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable and edifying to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute as it relates to each respectively _

The Queries were read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings _

Epistle &c

We have received this year the usual number of Printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, Reports of our Boarding school Committe and Copies of the London General Epistle, which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our Members.

The time for which the Committee were appointed having care of making the necessary Railroad arrangements to enable Friends more

# I have been directed by the Quarterly Meeting to say that it has been ascertained that John Riley was not in the station of a minister and that no such minute had been granted to him. Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

generally to attend our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings having expired, we appoint to this service for the year ensuing or until another appointment our friends Meltiah Gifford, George Howland, Jr., John B. Baylies and Nathaniel Howland and they are requested to provide extra trains for the attendance of this Meeting wherever in their judgement it may be desirable and draw on Treasurer for expense incurred in making this arrangement— Railway Com

The business brought before us having been accomplished in love and harmony, we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in the 12th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 1st 1881.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz from Sandwich— David Kelley, Joseph Wing, James E. Gifford—
Dartmouth— Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland, Ephraim Gifford—
Westport— Gideon Gifford, James A. Gifford—
New Bedford— William C. Taber, Weston Howland Edw. G. Dillingham & John F. Tucker
who are present except One, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned—

Our beloved friend Barton K. Jones attended this Meeting and presented a Certificate from Van Wert Monthly Meeting Ohio, expressing unity with him as a Minister and that he is sojourning with us for a time on Account of his health— his Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us. B K Jones

12 mo 81. The Queries were read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings—

Jane G Fisher acknowledged a Minister. We concur with the Women's Meeting in Acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of our friend Jane G. Fisher of Dartmouth and the clerk is directed to convey this information to the Meeting of Ministers & Elders and the Yearly Meeting—

Having accomplished the business brought before us, We Conclude, proposing to Meet again in this Place in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit—

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

4 mo 1882. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo. 6th 1882.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, we learn that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz

From Sandwich—Meltiah Gifford, David Kelley
Stephen R. Wing,—
Dartmouth—Otis Slocum, Moses Smith,
Charles Fisher—
Westport—Gideon Gifford, Daniel Macomber
New Bedford—John F. Tucker, Arnold G.
Tripp, N Hervey Wilbur & Jno. B. Bayliss.
who are present with one exception—

Clerk. The time for which the clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, Moses Smith on behalf the representatives proposed the name of Matthew Howland for clerk and John F. Tucker for Assistant clerk, which proposition being seperately considered was united with and they are appointed to those stations for the year ensuing or until another appointment—

Our beloved friends Eli Jones and Wm Jacobs ministers and Members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on General Meetings and for Gospel Work are acceptably with us at this time—

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary was adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport R. I. and appoint our friends William C. Taber, Matthew Howland, David Kelley, David S. Wood, Stephen R. Wing, Meltiah Gifford, John F. Tucker, William Thompson, Richard Davis Jr, Gideon Gifford Joseph Ewer, James M. Tripp, Ephraim Gifford, Nathaniel Howland and George Howland Jun to attend it, as our representatives—

We are informed that all our Monthly have paid their proportion of Stock to this Meeting and that our proportion has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting—

We unite with Sandwich Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Meltiah Gifford to the station of Elder, the Women's Meeting concurring herein and the Clerk is requested to convey this information to the Meeting of Ministers & Elders and the Yearly Meeting—

Mercy K. Wing a member and Minister of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 7th mo 13th 1881 aged 87 years 5 months and 2 days—

Presbury Wing a member and Minister of the same Monthly Meeting died 12th mo 16. 1881 aged 66 years 3 months and 12 days—

Betsey Aiken a member and Elder of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 18. 1881 aged 83 years 10 months and 6 days—

The time for which the Committees were appointed, having care of rendering aid to those Friends, who are in straitened circumstances and [illegible] and desirous of attending the Yearly Meeting having expired, We appoint our friends Alvin Holway, Gideon Wood, Gideon Gifford, Jonathan Cowen, Chas. Fisher, Edw. G. Dillingham, David Kelley, Edward T. Tucker and Meltiah Gifford a Committee to render assistance, for the year ensuing, to such Friends as they may deem advisable and draw on the Treasurer for the expense thereof —

Committee to assist to Y. Mtg

Account to Y. Mtg

An Account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk — It is as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport R. I. for New England —

Dear friends,

The usual number of Copies of the Printed minutes of your Meeting held last year have been received, also reports of the Boarding School Committee and 540 copies of London General Epistle for the year 1881 which have been read to our edification and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among their Members —

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you and have appointed our friends, William C. Taber, Matthew Howland David Kelley, David S. Wood, Stephen R. Wing, Meltiah Gifford, John F. Tucker, William Thompson Richard Davis Jr, Gideon Gifford, Joseph Ewer, James M. Tripp, Ephraim Gifford, Nathaniel Howland, and George Howland Jr to attend your meeting as our representatives —

Our proportion of stock ordered to be raised for the use of your Meeting this year has been paid to your Treasurer —

This Meeting has united with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of our friend Jane

G. Fisher and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Meltiah Gifford to the station of Elder—

Mercy K. Wing a member and Minister of Sandwich Mo. Meeting deceased 7th mo. 13th 1881 aged 87 years 5 months & 2 days—

Presbury Wing a Member and Minister of the same Meeting died 12th mo. 16th 1881 aged 66 years 3 months and 12 days—

Betsey Akin a Member and Elder of the same Mo. Meeting deceased 12th mo 18th 1881 aged 83 years 10 months and 6 days—

The number of Members belonging to this meeting as by our last report was 743 since which, there have been received by request 9
Births 5

making the number now 757 of whom there have deceased —— 20
Released — 3
Disowned — 1
Removed from our limits 1 25
Leaving the present number 732 a Nett loss of Eleven during the year— The number of present Membership in each Monthly Meeting is viz— Sandwich 170— Dartmouth 104— Westport 66— New Bedford 392—

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo. 6th 1882.

M Howland, Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished in much love and harmony, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in the 7th mo next if the Lord permit—

Attest Matthew Howland, Clerk

4mo '82 Summary of the Answers to the queries.

1st All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held, except nine Omitted on Account of inclement Weather and the Meeting at Nantucket not held regularly-

Those on First day are generally attended by the greater part of our members, while mid-week Meetings are more neglected - The hour is nearly observed - Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior -

2nd " Love and unity are in a good degree Maintained amongst us, and detraction generally guarded against When differences arise care is taken to end them -

3d " With some exception; Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept, to train their children and those under their care in Accordance with our Christian profession -

4th " We believe most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually, as well as collectively in their families and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty -

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry, appears, with a very few exceptions to be maintained -

5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is we believe Carefully avoided by Friends with five exceptions - A few are not careful to avoid Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character -

Moderation is generally observed -

6th " The circumstances of the Poor are attended to and their necessities relieved - Some Care has been taken when practicable, to obtain suitable employment - The education of their Children is provided for -

7th Generally clear in the several parts of this query -

8th We believe Most Friends are careful in these respects -

9th: Our records are attended to. There have been a few removals without Certificates most of which are under notice— 4mo '82

10th: Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially but not so timely in all cases as would be best—

Judgement is placed when necessary in the authority of Truth and in accordance with the discipline—

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo. 13th 1882. 7mo 1882.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are from

Sandwich — David K. Aiken, Jos. Wing of Sandwich
Benjamin S. Bowerman —
Dartmouth — Moses Smith, Philip A. Cornell
Henry A. Slocum —
Westport — Gideon Gifford, Geo. Frederick Davis —
New Bedford — Henry T. Wood, Jonathan Cowen,
Richard Davis Jr and Edward T. Tucker

who are present except three, for the absence of two of which satisfactory reason are assigned—

Our beloved friends John P. Pennington of Spiceland Mo. Meeting, Henry Co. Indiana and Joseph Stanley of Damascus Mo. Meeting Ohio attended this Meeting and presented minutes from their seperate Monthly Meetings endorsed by the Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers and with present religious engagements — their Company and Gospel services have been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute as it relates to each— J P Pennington Jos Stanley

The Queries were read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings—

Y. M. Rep. The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, report they all attended —

Auditors [illegible] The Auditors report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Account and find it correct shewing a balance of $276.66 in his hands —

By a minute from our last Yearly Meeting, we are informed that our proportion of the sum necessary to be raised for the use of that Meeting the ensuing year is $1400. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit —

The representatives inform us, that they have conferred together and are united in proposing that $1500. be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and that Matthew Howland be appointed Treasurer, which propositions being united with Matthew Howland is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting the ensuing year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportion of the above sum —

Mo Mtgs to collect [illegible] In a Communication received from the Yearly Meeting, the clerk is requested to call the attention of our Monthly Meetings to the appointment of Committees for the purpose of soliciting Funds to promote the Mission Work in which we are engaged in Syria and pay over the same to Geo. Howland Jr Treasurer of the Committee having charge of this interesting and important Work —

Constitution of Meetings on Min & Oversight. We have also received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 50 Copies of the Constitution of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight in the place of Meetings of Ministers and Elders and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings informing them in relation to carrying out its provisions agreeably to Minute No 36 of our late Yearly Meeting —

Printed Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with Copies of the Report of Boarding school Committee have been received and distributed among our several Monthly Meetings in their usual proportions— 7mo 82 Minutes of Y.M. &c.

The business brought before us having been Accomplished and having been favored to feel a measure of the blessed Father's presence among us we Conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in 10th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 5th 1882. [illegible]

Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from
Sandwich— Joseph Wing, of Sandwich, Meltiah Gifford, David Kelley—
Dartmouth— Otis Slocum, Philip A. Cornell, Isaac R. Potter—
Westport— Adrian Davis, Gideon Gifford—
New Bedford— Wm P. Macomber, Henry T. Wood Edw. G. Dillingham and Matthew Howland
who are all present—

Our beloved friends Caroline E. Talbot of Short Creek Mo. Meeting held at Mount Pleasant, Ohio and Zaccheus Goddard of Vassalboro Mo. Meeting, State of Maine attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements— their Company & Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute as it relates to each— C E Talbot Zaccheus Goddard.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings—

10mo '82

Geo. Howland Jr appointed Elder.

By Accounts from New Bedford Monthly Meeting we learn that our friends Geo. Howland Jr and Henry T. Wood have been appointed to the station of Elder, provided it should meet the approval of this Meeting. After due consideration, we unite with that Meeting in the appointment of George Howland Jr to the station of Elder, the Women's Meeting concurring herein, but our friend Henry T. Wood earnestly requesting to be excused from this service his appointment is referred back to New Bedford Mo. Meeting for reconsideration—

Mary Jane Gifford appointed Elder.

We concur with the Women's Meeting in the appointment of Mary Jane Gifford of Sandwich Mo. Meeting to the station of Elder—

Appointments to Mtg on Ministry & Oversight

We unite with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in introducing into the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the following Friends, Members of that Meeting viz. David S. Wood, John F. Tucker, John B. Baylies, Jonathan Cowen, Sarah L. Cartland, Phebe B. Slocum, Susan M. Seabury, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies and Esther D. Macomber, the Women's Meeting concurring herein and the Clerk is directed to inform the aforesaid Meeting "on Ministry and Oversight and the Yearly Meeting of these several appointments—

Railway Committee

The time for which the Committee were appointed to have the care of making Railway Arrangements to enable Friends more generally to attend our Yearly and Quarterly Mtg's having expired, we appoint to this service for the year ensuing or until another appointment Meltiah Gifford, Geo. Howland Jr, Jno. B. Baylies & Nathaniel Howland and they are requested to provide extra Trains for the attendance of this Meeting, make the necessary provision for attending our Yearly Meeting and draw on our "Treasurer for the expense thereof—

Having accomplished the business brought before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in 12th mo. next if the Lord permit—Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 7. 1882.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we learn that the following Friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as their representatives viz—

Sandwich — David Kelley, Joseph Howie,
Meltiah Gifford—
Dartmouth — Jonathan Kirby, Ephraim Gifford,
Otis Slocum —
Westport — Daniel Macomber, Jas. A. Gifford —
New Bedford — Ezra Kelley, N. Henry Wilbur
Weston Howland and Edw. T. Tucker
who are all present—

The Queries were read at this time with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2nd & 10th—

C D Holmes

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Providence Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagements — her Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this minute —

C E Talbot

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot of Short Creek Mo. Meeting Ohio who attended our last Quarterly Mt'g is again Acceptably with us —

Appointment to Meeting on Min & Oversight

We unite with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in the appointment of our friends Otis Slocum Elizabeth S. H. Smith, Hannah A. Brightman and Susan B. Kirby as members of the Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight," and also unite with Westport Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Gideon Gifford Elbridge G. Chase, Hannah R. Gifford and Lizzie A. Taylor as members of the same Meeting, the Womens Meeting concurring herein and the Clerk is directed to inform" the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the Yearly Meeting of these appointments—

12 m 1882 Having accomplished the business brought before us, in much love and unity, and having been favored to hear the Gospel preached in demonstration of the spirit and with power we conclude proposing to meet again in this city in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit –

Attest Matthew Howland clerk.

4 m 1883. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1883.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are as follows viz.

from Sandwich – David Kelley, Stephen R. Wing, Meltiah Gifford –
Dartmouth – Moses Smith, Ephraim Gifford, Philip A. Cornell –
Westport – James A. Gifford, Gideon Gifford –
New Bedford – George Howland Jr. N. Hervey Wilbur Edwd. S. Tucker and Weston Howland who are all present –

Clerk The time for which clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives report they have conferred together and were united in proposing Matthew Howland for clerk and Meltiah Gifford for Assistant clerk which names, being considered seperately, were united with and they accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment –

Rufus P. King, M. M. Binford E. S. Hacker Our beloved friends Rufus P. King of Springfield Mo. Meeting North Carolina & Micajah M. Binford of Walnut Ridge Mo. Meeting, Indiana attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings endorsed by their Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. We have also in attendance our friend Edward S. Hacker of Durham Mo. Meeting, Maine who presented a minute from this Meeting expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present engagements - the Company of these dear friends and their Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute as it relates to each -

The Queries were read in this meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting and appoint our friends William C. Taber, David Kelley, Geo. Howland Jr Edw. G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Charles Taber Joseph Ewer, Wm P. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, Wm Thompson, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford and Moses Smith to attend it as our representatives

Our beloved friend Louisa M. Fulgham attended this Meeting and presented a Minute from Le Grand Monthly Meeting held at Union Meeting house Benson County, Iowa expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious and social engagements - her Company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this Minute -

Louisa M. Fulgham

We concur with the Women's Meeting by uniting with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in Acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Hannah S. Wing and the clerk is directed to convey this information to the Yearly Meeting and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight -

H. S. Wing acknowledged a Minister

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting informs us, he has received our proportion of stock, and we are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion to the Treasurer of this Meeting -

The time for which the Committee were appointed having the care of rendering assistance to such Friends as are in straitened circumstances and [illegible] desirous of attending the Yearly Meeting having expired we appoint Elvin Holway, Gideon Wood

Committee to assist to Y. Mtg.

Gideon Gifford, Jonathan Cowen, Charles Fisher Edw. G. Dillingham, David Kelley Edw. T. Tucker and Meltiah Gifford a Committee to render assistance to those Friends, the present year, they may consider worthy and draw on the Treasurer for expense incurred -

Account to Y. M.

The following Account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk viz

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Portland, Maine for New England -

Dear friends,

Printed extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with the report of the Boarding school Committee, and Copies of the London General Epistle issued in 1882 were received and read to our satisfaction and Copies of the same were forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among their Members -

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and is herewith forwarded by our representatives viz William C. Taber, David Kelley, Geo. Howland Jr, Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Charles Taber, Joseph Ewer, Wm P. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, William Thompson, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford & Moses Smith -

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurer -

This Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in Acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah S. Wing, also of Mary Jane Gifford to the station of Elder and with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in the appointment of George Howland Jun to the same station - We have also united with this Monthly Meeting in introducing as members of this Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the following Friends viz David S. Wood, John F. Tucker, John

B. Baylies, Jonathan Cowen, Sarah L. Cartland Phebe B. Slocum, Susan M. Seabury, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies, Esther D. Macomber _ also with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Otis Slocum, Elizabeth S. H. Smith, Hannah A. Brightman and Susan B. Kirby _ and with Westport Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Gideon Gifford, Elbridge G. Chace Hannah R. Gifford and Lizzie A. Taylor as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight _

The time of holding our Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is changed from Three to Two P.M. of the day before the Quarterly Meeting _

The number of Members belonging to this Meeting by our last report was 732 since which, there have been received by Certificate 1

By request _ 7

Births 2

Making a total of 742

There have Deceased 16

Released 1

Removed by Certificate 3 20

Leaving the present Number 722 a Nett loss of Ten during the Year _ The number of present membership in each Monthly Meeting is viz. Sandwich 164 _ Dartmouth 104 _ Westport 65 _ New Bedford 389 _

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1883.

Matthew Howland Clerk

Having Accomplished the business brought before us in love & harmony and having been favored as we believe, to be fed with the bread of life we conclude; proposing to meet at Falmouth in 7th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

4 m 8 Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Mtg.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been regularly held, except at Nantucket, and three other Meetings, omitted on Account of severity of Weather; those on First days are attended by most of our Members, while Midweek Meetings and those for discipline are more neglected; the hour is nearly observed; mostly clear of Unbecoming behavior –

2nd " Love and unity are in a good degree maintained; detraction not wholly guarded against; Care is taken to end differences when they appear –

3rd " We beleive most Friends are Careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those having children or others under their Care are concerned to train them up in Accordance with our Christian profession –

4th " We beleive Most Friends frequently read the Holy scriptures, individually and Collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty; our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained with little exception in one Meeting –

5th " The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is, we beleive, avoided by Friends, with six exceptions – Most Friends are careful to avoid Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is observed –

6th " Clear in the several parts of this Query –

7th " Clear as far as appears.

8th " We beleive Friends are Careful in the several parts of this query –

9th " Our records are attended to. Some cases of removal without certificates, some of which are under notice –

10th " The discipline is, we beleive administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not as timely in some cases as should be. Judgement, we trust, is placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth, and According to discipline –

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 12th 1883.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to this Meeting are from Sandwich viz.
Benjamin S. Bowerman, David K. Akin
Joseph Ewer –
Dartmouth – Moses Smith, Isaac R. Potter
Jonathan Kirby –
Westport – Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis –
New Bedford – George Howland Jun. Weston Howland, Arnold G. Tripp and Henry T. Wood
who are present except three, for the absence of two of these a satisfactory reason was assigned –

Our beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Hanover Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting held at Raisin, Michigan expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagements – his company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute – S. Adelbert Wood.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from all our Mo. Meetings

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, report they were present except two, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given –

By a minute received from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that the sum of $4000. is ordered to be raised, for the use of that meeting the ensuing year, our proportion of which is 35 per cent or $1400. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting on or before the 1st of 5th mo. next.

Tax raised

The representatives inform us through one of their number that they had confered together and were united in proposing the sum of $1500. be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year and that Matthew Howland be appointed Treasurer for another year, which propositions being united with, Matthew Howland is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting the ensuing year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of above sum in time to meet the demands of the Yearly Meeting on or before the first of 4th mo next.

Treasurer

Auditors report

The Auditors report they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts and find them correct shewing a Balance in his hands of 205 89/100 Dollars –

W P Macomber liberated for service in Ferrisburg Q M N Y Y M

Having been informed by the Minutes from New Bedford Mo. Meeting, that said Meeting had granted a Minute to our beloved friend William P. Macomber for religious service in the Meetings constituting Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as expressed in his Minute, after solid consideration, much unity and sympathy having been felt and expressed with him in this labor of love, and he having our full concurrance, we would encourage him to proceed therein, as best Wisdom may direct, he being a minister in unity with us – The clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this on the Minute furnished him by New Bedford Mo. Meeting and sign it on our behalf –

Elders appointed Jos. Ewer, Rebecca D Ewer, & Huldah Gifford

We concur with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ewer, Rebecca D. Ewer and Huldah Gifford to the station of Elder, the Women's Meeting concurring, and the clerk is directed to inform the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the Yearly Meeting of these appointments –

Time changed Q M on Min and oversight

We are informed by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, they have concurred with us in changing the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight from 3 to 2 oclock P. M. the day preceding the holding of

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our Quarterly Meeting—

Printed Minutes &c.

We have received at this time 330 Copies of the Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and 11 copies of Report of Boarding School Committee which are forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among their Members—

Mo Mtgs to collect for Syria

By a Communication received from the Yearly Meeting, the clerk is requested to call the attention of our Monthly Meetings to the appointment of joint Committees for the purpose of soliciting Funds from our Members and others interested for the promotion of our Foreign Mission labors in Syria and pay the same to George Howland Jun Treasurer of the Committee having charge of this important benevolent Work—

The business brought before us, being accomplished in much love and harmony, we conclude proposing to meet again at Sandwich in the 10th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 4th 1883.

By Accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are viz—

From Sandwich—Joseph Wing of Sandwich,
Isaiah Crocker, Benj S. Bowerman—
Dartmouth—Gideon K. Howland, Isaac R.
Potter, Moses Smith—
Westport—Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis—
New Bedford—William C. Taber, Wm P.
Macomber, Gideon Wood & N Hervey Wilbur—

who are present except One, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned—

The 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries were read at this time, with Answers thereto, from all our Monthly Mtgs.

[illegible] Our beloved friend Charles H. Jones
a Member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on
C. H. Jones General Meetings was present – his company and
Gospel labors have been acceptable & edifying to us –

We have received from our last Yearly Mtg
Gen. Epistle 500 Copies of London Gen. Epistle, which have been
forwarded to our Monthly Meetings for distribution
among our Members and others –

Railway Committee The time for which the Committee were appointed
having the care of making necessary Railway arrangements, to enable Friends more generally to attend
our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings having expired –
We appoint our friends Meltiah Gifford, Geo Howland Jr
John B. Baylies and Nathaniel Howland a Committee
for this purpose, and they are requested provide Extra
Trains for the attendance of this Meeting, make the
necessary arrangements for our attending the Yearly
Meeting and draw on our Treasurer for expense incurred.

Having accomplished the business brought
before us, we conclude, proposing to Meet again at New
Bedford in the 12th mo. Next if the Lord permit –

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at New Bedford 12th mo 6th 1883.

By Accounts received from our Monthly
Meetings it appears that the representatives appointed
to this Meeting are as follows viz –
Sandwich – Meltiah Gifford – David K. Akin,
Joseph Ewer –
Dartmouth – Moses Smith, Henry A. Slocum,
Philip A. Cornell –
Westport – George Hussey Gifford, John A. Macomber –
New Bedford – Geo. Howland Jr, Benjamin W. Slade,
Benjamin H. Kirby and N. Hervey Wilbur –
who are present –

Our beloved friends Eli Jones. Micajah M.

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Eli Jones
M. M. Binford
W. O. Newhall,
Wm Jacobs,
H C Aydelott

Binford; William O. Newhall, Wm Jacobs, and Henry C. Aydelott, three of them Members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on General Meetings have been with us at this time - their company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable and edifying to us -

The 1st, 2nd, and 10th Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings -

Decease of Henry T. Wood, before the Q M concurred in his ap- pointment as Elder by [illegible] Meeting

We are informed by Accounts from New Bedford Mo. Meeting, that our late dear friend Henry T. Wood had again been appointed to the station of Elder by that Meeting, but since then, it has pleased the Lord to remove him from the Church Militant to the Church triumphant and therefore the Clerk of this Meeting is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in addressing a suitable Communication to the family of our beloved friend, containing some of the feelings and sentiments expressed by this Meeting on the great loss we have sustained -

Minute addressed to the family of Henry T. Wood

To our Dear friends the family of Henry T. Wood -

At our Quarterly Meeting just held, the Clerks were directed to convey to you, the deep feeling of love and sympathy which pervaded this meeting, and which found expression in many ways in considering the loss which the Church and you have sustained in the unexpected departure of our beloved Brother - We Mourn our bereavement, but we mourn not, as those without hope, for we are consoled by the Conviction that his work was finished, and Well done; and that he has but passed on, from Works to rewards, from the Church Militant to the Church triumphant, into which so many loved ones are already gathered to be "forever with the Lord" - Signed - Matthew Howland, clerk

12 mo 10th 1883. Susan S. Tripp, clerk for the day.

Having Accomplished the business brought before us, and having felt the presence of the Lord to be with us we conclude, proposing to meet again in this City in the 4th mo next if the Lord permit - Attest M Howland, clerk.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 3rd 1884.

By Accounts received from all our Mo. Meetings, we are informed, that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz

From Sandwich _ Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley
Meltiah Gifford _
Dartmouth _ Charles Fisher, Jonathan Kirby
Isaac R. Potter _
Westport _ Geo. Hussey Gifford, James A. Gifford.
New Bedford _ Thomas F. Haffards, John B. Baylies
George Howland Jr, and N. Hervey Wilbur
who are present except three _

Clerks

The time for which the clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, George Howland Jun on behalf the representatives, proposed the name of Matthew Howland for Clerk and Meltiah Gifford for Assistant Clerk, which names being considered seperately, were united with, and they are Accordingly appointed to those stations for the year ensuing or until another appointment _

[illegible]

Our beloved friend William Jacob a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on General Meetings is again present, his company and Gospel Labors have been Acceptable and satisfactory _

The Queries were read at this time with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting and appoint our friends Edw. G. Dillingham, William C. Taber, David Kelley Meltiah Gifford, Moses Smith, Matthew Howland Robert B. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland Jr Joseph Grinnell; John B. Baylies, William Thompson, John F. Tucker, N Hervey Wilbur and Gideon Gifford to attend it as our representatives _

We are informed that our proportion of Stock

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has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their respective proportions to our Treasurer — [illegible]

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting and concur with the Women's Meeting in the appointment of Lucy T. Kelley Wife of David Kelley as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the clerk is directed to convey this information to said Meeting — Appt to Meeting on Min & Oversight

The time for which the Committee was appointed, having care of assisting those Friends within our limits, who are in straitened circumstances and desirous of attending the Yearly Meeting having expired, we appoint Alvah Holway, Gideon Wood Gideon Gifford, Charles Fisher, Edw G. Dillingham David Kelley, Edw. T. Tucker, and Meltiah Gifford a Committee to render assistance to such Friends the present year, as they may deem worthy and draw on our Treasurer for expense incurred — Com to assist to Y.M.

The following Account to the Yearly Mtg was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk. Account to Y.M.

To The Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport, Rhode Island for New England.

Dear friends,

We have received from you during the past year 330 Copies of Printed Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, 11 ditto Report of Boarding school Committee and 500 copies London General Epistle for 1883, which have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement, and Copies forwarded to our respective Monthly Meetings for distribution among their Members —

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to you and appoint our friends Edw. G. Dillingham, William C. Taber, David Kelley, Meltiah Gifford, Moses Smith

4mo 84 Matthew Howland, Robt. B. Taber, Stephen R. Wing George Howland Jr, Joseph Grinnell, John B. Baylies, John F Tucker, William Thompson, N. Hervey Wilbur and Gideon Gifford to attend it as our representatives

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of your Meeting.

This Meeting has concurred with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ewer Rebecca D. Ewer, and Huldah Gifford to the station of Elder - and also in the appointment of Lucy G. Kelley as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight -

Deborah H. Wing a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 3d mo. 27th 1883 aged 82 years 10 months and 18 days -

Newell Hoxie a member and Minister of Sandwich Mo. Meeting died 1st mo 19th 1884. aged 80 years, 2 months and one day -

The number of Members belonging to this Meeting by our last Report was 722 since which there have been received by certificate ———— 3

by Request 5

Births 1

Making a total of 731

Number deceased 23

Released 2

Removed by Certificate 19 44

Leaving the present number 687 a Nett loss of 35 during the year - The number of present membership in each Monthly Meeting is viz. Sandwich 150 - Dartmouth 104 - Westport 59 - New Bedford 374 -

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 3d 1884.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

Having accomplished the business brought before us in love and harmony, and having been favored as we beleive, with the presence of our Lord and Master we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 7th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Summary of Answers forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except one Midweek Meeting, which was omitted on account of a storm— On First-days, nearly all our Members endeavor to attend them duly; Midweek Meetings and those for discipline, are more neglected by some— The hour is generally observed— Nearly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained among us and detraction guarded against— When differences do arise, care is taken to end them.

Ans. 3d We beleive most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation: and by example and precept, endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4th We beleive that most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty.— Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained, except in one Preparative Meeting.

5th We know not but clear, as to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, with two exceptions at times in one Preparative Meeting. — Mostly clear of indulgence in Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character— Moderation is generally observed—

Ans. 6th Clear as far as appears.

Ans. 7th Clear in the several parts of this query; with little exception on account of oaths in one Monthly Meeting.

Ans. 8th Clear with little exception.

Ans. 9th Our records are attended to— A few

4 mo. 84 removals without Certificate, some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th We beleive the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but perhaps, not so timely in all cases as would be best_ Judgement is placed, when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

7 mo. 1884 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 7th mo 10. 1884.

Accounts were received from all our Monthly Meetings, by which it appears that the following friends, were appointed representatives to this Meeting viz.

From Sandwich_ Stephen R. Wing, James E. Gifford, David Kelley_
Dartmouth-Moses Smith, Gideon K. Howland, Isaac R. Potter_
Westport_Gideon Gifford, Adrian Davis-
New Bedford_Geo. Howland Jr John B. Baylies, Joshua L. Macomber, and Benjamin W. Slade, who are present except one who is prevented from attending by sickness.

Thos Kimb. and wife Francis Lupton We have in attendance of our meeting at this time our beloved Friends Thomas Kimber and his Wife Mary S. from New York Monthly Meeting, having minutes of approval from their Meeting, but not with them, and Francis Lupton who presented testimonials from Short Creek Mo. Meeting held at Mt Pleasant, Ohio, endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present Religious engagements_ their company and Gospel labors have been Acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute as it relates to each respectively_

2 mo. 18[illegible]

The 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries were read in this Meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings—

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they were present except two, who were prevented from attending by sickness—

By the following minute received from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting, we are informed that the sum of $4000. was concluded to be raised for the use of that Meeting the ensuing year—Our Proportion of this sum is 35 p/c or $1400. which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting on or before the 1st of 5th mo. Next—

M. Mtg [illegible]

We are also requested to call the attention of our several Monthly Meetings to the appointment of joint Committees to assist in collecting the necessary funds for the promotion of the Mission Work in Syria and pay the same to Geo. Howland Jun. Treas. of the Committee having charge of this interesting & important Work—

The Auditors report they have examined the Accounts of our Treasurer and find them correct shewing a balance of $206.39 in his hands—

Report of [illegible]

The representatives inform us through one of their number, that they have conferred together and are united in proposing that the sum of $1500. be raised for the use of this Meeting this year and that Matthew Howland be appointed Treas. for another year, which proposition being united with, Matthew Howland is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of above sum on or before 4th mo. 1. next—

Treasurer

The business brought before us being Accomplished in much love & harmony and realizing the presence of the Lord in our Midst to bless, we conclude proposing to meet again in Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord permit— Attest M. Howland, Clerk.

10mo 1884 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 2. 1884

In the inscrutable wisdom of our God the office of clerk and assistant clerk are now made vacant. Geo Howland Jr on behalf of the

R.B Taber clerk Representatives in announcing the fact suggested

E.T Tucker Ass. the name of Robt B. Taber for clerk who was appointed to that position for the balance of the year & Edward T Tucker was appointed assistant clerk for the same period

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting

From Sandwich Jos. Ewer Prince G. Moore and
David K. Akin.
Dartmouth Nathanael Howland Ephraim
Gifford ~~Adrian Davis~~ Geo. A. Jenks.
Westport, Gideon Gifford Adrian Davis.
New Bedford Geo Howland Jr. Joshua L.
Macomber, Arnold G. Tripp and
John B. Baylies.

Who are present

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

We have in attendance at this meeting

In attendance the acceptable company in the Lord of our

Stephen Cartland Friends Stephen Cartland with a satisfac-

M.M. Binford tory certificate from Durham Mo Mtg; of Mica

Obadiah Chase jah M. Binford with certificate from Walnut Ridge Mo Mtg Ind and Obadiah Chase with certificate from Swansea Mo Mtg - these certificates expressing unity in the several concerns of labor within our limits. Their company and ministry have been comforting and encouraging and the clerk is directed to furnish each with a copy of this minute as it relates to each

The 1st 2d and 10th Queries have been read and the answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings.

New Bedford
Members Meeting
for Ministry &
Oversight

New Bedford Mo Mtg reports "that in accordance with the requirements of the Discipline the following friends have been appointed as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz John A Tucker John B Baylies Edwd T Tucker Thos F Hafford Sarah E Cartland Adelaide V Wilbur Phebe B Slocum Susan M Seabury Mary C Baylies Esther D Macomber Mary Hafford ~~and~~ Phebe S Delano and Susan S Tripp We unite in this appointment the womens meeting concurring also.

Comi on
R R Accommodations.

The time for which the Committee were appointed having care of making necessary Railway arrangements to enable Friends more generally to attend our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings having expired we appoint, Geo Howland Jr. John B Baylies Nathanael Howland and Jos Ewer a Committee for this purpose and they are requested to provide extra trains for the attendance of this meeting and make all necessary arrangements for attending the Yearly Meeting drawing upon our Treasr for the Expense incurred and in connection with this we desire our Clerk to Express by minute our gratitude to the management of the Old Colony Rail Road Co. for the kindness they have invariably and promptly shown.

Memorial of
thanks to OC
RR Co.

Comi to audit
Treas Acct &
propose Treasr

The Office of Treasurer of this Meeting being now vacant, we appoint, John B Baylies Nathanael Howland Alvah Holway and Gideon Gifford a committee to receive from the Estate of the late Matthew Howland any

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Sums belonging to this meeting, to audit and settle the account, holding the balance for us and report at our next Quarterly. Also the name of a suitable Friend for Treasurer.

Committee to prepare Memorials

Wm Thompson and John B Baylies were appointed a committee to assist the clerks in drafting suitable Expressions of our love and Sympathy in behalf of our brethren the Clerk and Assistant clerk now removed by Death.

Separate testimonials were received by them and this meeting is heartily united in requesting our clerk to sign copies on our behalf and in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends to forward the same to the families of the friends respectively and for this service we appoint Prince G. Moore and Wm Thompson that they may give Expression of our sympathy—

Under a feeling of closer brotherhood in contemplation of this, the will of our Heavenly Father in our bereavement we have transacted our business together. We desire to return thanks for the Comforting presence of His love Who doeth all things well and in grateful remembrance of the Strength which He giveth to His people we conclude; to meet again in the 12th month next at New Seaford, if the Lord will.

Attest Robt B Taber clerk

Testimonial of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in behalf of Matthew Howland deceased

Testimonial to Matthew Howland

In the inscrutable wisdom of our Father in Heaven we have been called upon to mourn the loss of both clerks of this Quarterly Meeting Our dear friend Matthew Howland who for several years served so faithfully as clerk and Treasurer has been taken so suddenly almost translated to his Heavenly Home for which he has been ripening so many years Whilst we deplore the loss to this Meeting and the Society generally we reverently believe it is his Everlasting gain We would offer to his widow and family our sympathy and prayers.

Testimonial of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in behalf of Meltiah Gifford deceased

Testimonial to Meltiah Gifford.

We have been called upon at this time to mourn the loss by death of both clerks of this Quarterly Mtg Whilst we ~~in~~ feel this great trial our hearts have been bowed before the Lord in fervent prayer. We reverently believe that our dear brethren were taken from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant for which they had been ripening for years. Truly we see now thro a glass darkly ~~in truth~~ for ~~and~~ we had hoped whilst our dear brother Meltiah Gifford was in the strength of his manhood for many years of usefulness for him here. He who doeth all things well saw meet to call him to the service of the Upper Sanctuary

We offer his widow and children and also the other members of his immediate family our heartfelt sympathy in this severe bereavement and commend them to Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and father to the fatherless.

Quarterly. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo 4th 1884

We learn by accounts received from our Monthly Meetings that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting

From Sandwich David Jelley Alvah Holway
David K Aiken
Dartmouth Moses Smith Phillip A,
Cornell Ephraim Gifford
Westport Geo Hussey Gifford & Gideon
Gifford
New Bedford Wm H. Gardner Geo Howland Jr
Chas Taber A. Jervey Wilbur

who are present except two detained at home by Sickness

We have present at this time our beloved friend
In attendance W. O. Newhall Wm O Newhall with minute from Salem Monthly Meeting which has been read in this and the Womens Meeting. We record his presence and Gospel services which have been very Encouraging and satisfactory and the Clerk is directed to sign a certificate on our behalf to this Effect.

The 1st 2d & 10th Queries with answers from all our Mo Mtgs have been read in this Meeting

Report Com. on Accts The Committee appointed to Examine the accounts of our late Treasurer presented the following report which is accepted and they are directed to transfer the books and the balance amount of One hundred & fifty two 66/100 Dols to Geo. R. Wood whom we appoint as Treasurer

Geo. R. Wood appointed Treas. of this Meeting for the balance of the term.

Report. "The Committee appointed to examine the accts of the late Treasurer Matthew Howland have attended to the same and believe them to be correct showing a balance on hand at the time of his decease of one hundred & fifty two 66/100 dollars The Committee recommend the name of Geo. R. Wood for Treasurer

signed John B Baylies
Gideon Gifford } Committee
Alvan Holway

New Bedf 12 mo 3d

The Committee appointed to visit the families of our friends Matthew Howland and Mehitable Gifford report they have attended to the duty.

Report of Com to visit Families

William P. Macomber returned at this time the Endorsement of the minute granted in 7 mo 1883 for labor in Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting acknowledging with gratitude that he had been able to attend in part at least to the concern laid upon him and presented a returning minute from the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting confirming his acceptable service there. His account of his labors in the Lords service has been encouraging and satisfactory.

Returned Endorsement
~~H. C. Kendall~~
W P Macomber

We concur with the Womens Meeting in ~~the~~ recording the names of Hannah A. Wrightman and Susan W. Kirby as members of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight on the recommendation of Dartmouth Mo Mtg and the clerk is directed to notify the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Oversight of this appointment.

Dartmouth Members Ministry & Oversight

The following minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting was presented by our beloved friend Hannah L. Wing informing us that she has been liberated for Gospel Service in the limits of N. Carolina Yearly Meeting and Western With an expression of hearty sympathy and fellowship we direct the Clerk to Endorse the unity of this Meeting on her minute and sign it on our behalf.

Endorsement Hannah L. Wing to N. Carolina

Minute "Our beloved friend Hannah L. Wing a minister in unity with us informed this meeting that she believed her Master had called her to perform some service within the limits of N. Carolina Yearly Meeting; attend some of the meetings belonging thereto: visit prisons and other Houses as way may open for also the sick and infirm; with [illegible] whatever other service the Lord may require [illegible] ing; which claiming our serious consideration is fully united with and she liberated and Encouraged to attend thereto as Best Wisdom may direct.

Taken from the minutes of Sandwich ~~Quarterly~~ Mtg of Friends held at Sandwich Mass. 11 mo 28. 1884 (Signed J. E. Gifford / Rebecca D Ewer } clerks"

We have met under a sense of the presence of the Foundation of the Christian Hope and the comforting evidence of Christs Rest and Peace have been Extended to the Church. With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for a renewed sense of His Presence as the Great Head of the Church we conclude to meet again in this place in the Fourth Month next – if the Lord Wills.

Attest Robt B Taber clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

4 mo 2. 1885 held at New Bedford 4 mo 2d 1885

The accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting

Representatives

From Sandwich Stephen R. Wing, Daniel [illegible]
& Wm. E. Gifford
Dartmouth Elihu Fisher, David R. Potter
& Isaac R. Potter.
Westport. Geo. Hussey Gifford Adna Davi[s]
New Bedford: Thos F. Hathaway, Arnold E.
Tripp Geo Howland Jr & Geo. R. Read.

Who are present except two, one of whom we are informed is detained by sickness.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having Expired the Representatives through Geo Howland Jr proposed the name of Robt B. Taber for Clerk

Clerk and Asst. Clerk

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and Ed. T. Tucker for Ass't Clerk which being considered separately were satisfactory and they are appointed to these several stations for the year ensuing or until another appointment.= We have at this time had the company of our beloved Friends Eli Jones a member of the Gen'l Meeting & Com. on [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting and of Micajah M. Binford with minute previously read from Western Yearly Meeting, and their company and service have been to our comfort and edification.

Eli Jones
&
M. M. Binford

The Queries were read at this time with the answers received from our Monthly Meetings, a summary of which has been approved and directed to be forwarded to the approaching Yearly Meeting and we appoint our friends Geo. Howland Jr. Joshua Wheeler, Ed. Hafford, Stephen A. King, David Kelley, William P. Davis, A. Henry Fuller, Owen Ward, William J. Thompson, Ed. C. Killingham & Gideon Gifford to attend the same as our Representatives.

Summaries Answers

Representatives to Yearly Mtg

We are informed our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treas. to the Yearly Meeting. Also that the Mo. Mtgs have paid their respective quotas to this Meeting.

Pay'g Stock

We unite with Westport Mo. Mtg in the appointment of Gideon Gifford, Elbridge C. Chace, Susan T. Chace, Hannah A. Gifford & Lizzie A. Tucker as members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight, and the Clerk is directed to notify the Quarterly Mtg of Ministry & Oversight of their appointment, the Women's Meeting concurring.

Westport Monthly Meeting
Ministry & Oversight

We also unite with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting in the appointment of Arnold G. Tripp, Susan S. Tripp & Azuba Cannon to the station of Elder.

Elders
A. G. Tripp
S. S. Tripp
Azuba Cannon

1885-4mo. The Statistics of our Meeting received at this time are as follows

Statistics
Whole No 675

Total Number reported as Members 3mo. 1884 was. 687

Added By Request	15	Lost By Death	19
" " Birth	0	" " Certificate	5
" " Certificate	0	Released	3
" Total	15		27

A net loss of 12

Total No reported as Members 3/1. 1885 675

In forwarding this information to the Yearly Meeting we direct our clerk to ask the advice of that Meeting in regard to the Maintenance of the Names of such as are merely Nominal Members upon our rolls.

Concurrence
in case Sarah
A Holmes

This meeting concurs with the Womens Meeting in accepting the report of the Com. on Appeal in the Case of Sarah A Holmes

Change of hour
Sandwich & Falmouth
Mo. Mtg.

We unite with Sandwich Mo. Mtg in the Change of hour of holding the Meetings at Sandwich and Falmouth from 10 o'clock to 11 oclock AM - the Womens Meeting concurring.

Com. on Assistance
Y'y Mtg

The time for which the Committee was appointed having the care of assisting those within our limits who are in straitened Circumstances and desirous of attending the Yearly Meeting having expired we appoint our friends Abel Macy, Jas E. Gifford, [illegible] Henry A. Slocum Arnold G. Tripp Ed. T. Tucker and Gideon Gifford to serve as a committee for that purpose and draw on our Treas. for the Expense incurred.

The clerk is directed to sign and forward the following acc't to the Yearly Meeting See below

"We have been directed at this time to the acceptance of the living Promises of Christ and have found and rejoiced in the gift of the [illegible]

ide and have [illegible] the Lord [illegible] our 1885-4mo
spiritual bread. We have been called to patience of these meetings and have it felt to all our members however closely they may hold the tie of Membership— Looking to our Father in Heaven in [illegible] and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit we conclude in harmony with thanksgiving for the mercies rendered us for Jesus sake"

Adjourned to meet again in Falmouth in the 7th mo next if God permit. ✓

Attest Robt B Taber Clerk

Account approved and directed forwarded as above

To the Yearly Mtg of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland Maine.

Yearly Mtg
Acct. 4/ 1885

Dr Friends

We acknowledge the receipt from you of copies of the printed Extracts from the minutes of the last yearly meeting, the Report of the Boarding School Com. and of the London General Epistle for 1884 which have been read and forwarded to our Mo Mtg for distribution. The Queries have been read and a summary of answers thereto, approved by this meeting, has been directed to be forwarded you and we appoint our Friends Geo. Howland Jr, Joshua L Macomber, Thos F Haffards, Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley, William P. Davis, N. Hervey Wilbur, Gideon Ward William Thompson Ed. G Dillingham & Gideon Gifford to attend as our Representatives.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treas.

This meeting has united with New Bedford Mo. Mtg in the appointment of Arnold G. Tripp Susan G. Tripp and Azuba Cannon to the Station of Elder.

Ruth H. Baker a Minister and member of Sandwich Mo. Mtg deceased 5 mo 25 1884 aged 85 yrs + 10 mos

Rebecca Gifford an Elder and member of the same

1885-4mo. Mo Meeting deceased 9mo 17. 1884 aged 41 yr 2mo + 11 days
Matthew Howland an Elder and member of New Bedford
Mo. Mtg. deceased 9mo 29. 1884 aged 70 yr 1mo 17 days

The number of members reported belonging to this meeting is now 675 a decrease of 12 as follows.

Added by request	15.	Losses by Death	19
" Birth	0	" " Certificate	5
" Certificate	0	Releases	3
	15		27

a net loss of 12

In this connection this meeting desires to call the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the fact that in the report now scheduled a number of those reported are nominal members and would ask for advice in regard to the maintenance of the names of such upon our lists.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 2. 1885
Robt. B. Taber Clerk.

Summary Answers 4/2.85

Summary Answers (appended to above)

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended Except one omitted on account of a storm and those at Nantucket. Those held on First days are attended by many of our members - Mid week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected The hour is generally observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to knowledge

3. We believe many Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed in regard to the training of children in accordance with our Christian Profession

4. We believe Friends generally read the Holy Scriptures in their families frequently Encouraging their children and others in the practice of this religious

duty Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with a little Exception noted in one preparative meeting.

5 The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is so far as we know carefully avoided by friends Except in two cases, Some of our members are not as careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character as would be best. Moderation is generally observed.

6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and when practicable they are assisted in obtaining suitable Employment. Care is taken to educate their children—

7. Friends faithfully maintain our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, and against oaths with little exception. Clear as regards the public revenue.

8. We believe Friends are careful in the several parts of this query Except in one instance which is under notice.

9 Our records are attended to. Some removals without certificates which are under notice—

10th The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially. It may not be so timely in all cases as would be best.

[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth 6 mo 6th 1885

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting.

From Sandwich Stephen R. Wing David Kelley
Benj F [illegible],
Dartmouth. Isaac K Potter Ephraim Gifford
[illegible]
Westport. Gideon Gifford Jas A. Gifford
New Bedford Seth K. Smith E. W. Dillingham
John B. Baylies & Edw. Tucker

who are present except two. for the absence of two of those satisfactory reasons were given.

We have at this time with us our friend
Evi Sharpless Evi Sharpless with satisfactory minutes from Stuart Mo. Mtg. Endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly and Iowa Yearly Meetings. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us. Abby G. Mendenhall an Elder of
Abby G Mendenhall this Society is also present with minute from Minneapolis Mo Mtg. We cordially welcome her in the Christian Fellowship sought for her in the minute which accompanies her. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens meeting in ~~[illegible]~~ preparing returning certificates for the above friends.

The Condition of the Meeting as portrayed
Queries in the Answers to the First Second and Tenth Queries has been considered at this time.

Representatives to Yly Mtg report The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting [illegible] they were in attendance except one detained for satisfactory reasons.

The Clerk is directed to forward official notice of the change of hour of holding the Monthly Mtg at Falmouth & Sandwich as concurred in at our last Meeting the the clerk of that Meeting.

Auditors Report The Auditors report was received and read as follows see below

7 mo. 85

Minute from Yearly Meeting

The following minute was received from the Yearly Meeting with reference to the communication asking for advice made by this meeting in the 11th mo last together with notice of a change in the Meeting of Ministry & Oversight and its minute in regard to the Spirituality of the Gospel and we direct our clerk to forward the notice to the clerks of our several meetings for insertion in the Books of Discipline.

Quota $1400.00

A further communication from the same source informs us that our quota payable to that during the present year is $1400.00 which sum on the report of the Representatives was directed to be raised by our Mo. Mtg and paid to Geo R. Wood whom we appoint our Treas. for the year ensuing or until another appointment to be by him paid to the Treas. of the Yly Mtg on or before the 1st of 4 mo next.

Geo R Wood Treas.

We request our Mo Mtgs to appoint Com to assist in raising the [illegible] additional funds to carry on the Mission Work in Mt Lebanon Syria and among the Western Indians with the desire that funds be collected and handed to the Treasurers of these Committees.

Committees on Mission Work in the MO. Mtg.

To [illegible] Quarterly Mtg

At the Yearly Mtg of Friends for New England held at Portland Maine in the 6 mo. 85

1st Minute of the Yearly Mtg

The meeting did not see its way clear to take any action at present, upon the request of your meeting in relation to "Nominal Members"

Upon the request of two of our Quarterly Meetings this Meeting has defined more clearly the discipline in reference to the Membership of our meetings on Ministry & Oversight as will be found on printed slips furnished [illegible] which are to be inserted in our Books of Discipline under the heading, 7 mo 1885. of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight

A minute of advise has also been printed and placed in the hands of the Clerks of our Quarterly Meetings to be distributed among their Subordinate Meetings.

Our Mo. Meetings are therefore requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Mission work on Mt Lebanon Syria. On the report of the Com on Western Indians was the request That the Treasury of the Com may be replenished by Efforts to be made in all our Mo. Mtgs which was approved by this Meeting and our Quarterly Mtgs are requested to take such action in relation to the above request as shall secure the desired result. Signed in behalf of the Mtg.

W. O Newhall Clerk

To Sandwich Quarterly Mtg

Yr. Minute
Yly Mtg

At the Yearly Mtg of Friends in New England held at Portland Maine in the 6 mo 1885.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four Thousand (4000$) Dollars which sum our several Quarterly Mtgs are directed to pay to Geo Howland Jr our Treas on or before the 1st of 5 mo next.

The Quota for Sandwich Quarterly Mtg 350 = Dolls.

By direction of the Meeting W. O Newhall Clerk

Return Endorsement
Hannah S. Wing

Our beloved friend Hannah S. Wing returns at this time the Endorsement of her minute granted her in the 12th mo last with satisfactory returning minutes from Southern, Western and Contentment Quarterly Meetings and many of the Mo Mtgs included in their limits. We are thankful with her that the same dear Lord who sent her forth, has thus so kindly been with her all the journey through.

We desire our clerk to distribute in the usual proportions the Report of the Boarding School Com now on hand, and the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

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when received.

The Com appointed to render assistance to Friends visiting the Qly Meeting report they have attended to that duty. Com on Qly Mtg report

We have met in harmony and now separate under the Shadow of the Rest which remaineth to the People of God thanking our Heavenly Father for the Goodness and Mercy which follows us all our days. We conclude to meet in the 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord will

attest Robt B Fuller Clerk

Auditors report.

To Sandwich Quarterly Mtg.

The Treas. accts with the Vouchers for the payments have been Examined and found correct showing a balance in his hands of One hundred and Six and 66/100 Dollars. Signed John B. Bayles Auditor Auditors report

7mo 9th 1885

10mo 1885. At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg of Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 1. 1885.

By the accts from the Several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting.

Representatives

From Sandwich Alvah Holway. Wm P. Davis and
Joseph D Hoxie
Dartmouth. Isaac R. Potter. Nathanael Howland Ephraim Gifford
Westport Gideon Gifford Jas A. Gifford
New Bedford Benj H. Kirby. Geo Howland Jr
Joshua C Macomber Benj W. Slade
all of whom are present.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Queries

The Queries ~~with the~~ Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th received at this time have been read and the duties and privileges of Each individual member and of the church have been Earnestly dwelt upon.

Committee on Railway Arrangements

Geo Howland Jr John B. Bayliss Nathanael Howland and Joseph Ewer who compose the present Committee to provide necessary Railway arrangements for this meeting, are continued in that service for another year.

Committee on Caring for Friends

Stephen R. Wing Geo. H. Gifford Geo. Howland Jr Nathl Howland and Jas E Gifford are appointed a Committee to Consider the question of Charging to our Treasury the Expense of Caring for friends attending the sittings of the Quarterly Meetings and are requested to report at our next meeting.

Distribution of Minutes & Epistles.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had as directed forwarded to the Clerks of the Mo. Mtgs 300 Copies of the Minutes of the Yly Mtg and 450 copies of the reprint of the Epistle of London Yearly Mtg-

10mo 85.

We have been at this time reminded of the blessing awaiting those "who would see Jesus" in his boundless love. and part not as we have met but with the benediction of the Apostle which we appropriate as our own possession. "But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost keep yourselves in the Love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal life.

Adjourned to meet at New Bedford in the 12th mo next, if the Lord will.

attest Robt B. Taber clerk.

12mo 1885.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford, 12 mo. 3. 1885.

By the accounts of our several monthly meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting.

Sandwich — Jos Ewer, David Kelley, Thos D Gifford.
Dartmouth — Elhanan Gifford, Philip A Crandell &
Isaac K Potter.
Westport — Geo H Gifford, Elbridge G Chase.
New Bedford — Edw G Dillingham, Gideon Wood,
Benj H Kirby, Seth S Swift,

who are present.

The clerk being detained by illness, Edw T Tucker is appointed clerk for the day, and John B Bayliss, assistant clerk for the day.

James M Haviland

Our beloved friend, Jas M Haviland, attended this Meeting with a certificate from Poughkeepsie Mo Meeting, endorsed by Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting New York, [illegible] a minister, and with his present religious engagement. [illegible] have been truly acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing him with a returning minute.

J. B. Cartland Our beloved Friend John B. Cartland, a member of the Yearly Meeting's com on Gospel work, is also in the attendance of this Meeting. His company & services have been very acceptable to us.

The queries, with answers to the first, second, and tenth, from all our Mo Meetings, have been read at this time.

The committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting, to consider the matter of charges for refreshments furnished at the time of holding these [illegible] not being ready to report, are continued under appointment, until our next Quarterly Meeting.

Isaac R. [illegible] cor. [illegible] No Dartmouth Mass. We are informed by Dartmouth Mo Meeting that they have appointed Isaac R. Potter their correspondent, in place of Moses Smith, deceased.

We acknowledge that our coming together has been an occasion of great blessing. The gospel has been preached to our comfort and edification; and under a sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for these and other mercies, we conclude, to meet again in New Bedford, in the Fourth mo of next year, if Divine Providence permit.

Attest Edw. [illegible]
Clerk for the day.

1886-4mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 1886.

By the Accounts received from the Mo. Meetings it appears that the Representatives chosen to attend this meeting are as follows.

From Sandwich, Stephen R. Wing Wm P. Davis
Wm [illegible].
Dartmouth. Nath'l Howland Ephraim Gifford
Philip A. Cornell

From Westport James A. Gifford Dan^l Macomber [illegible]
[illegible] Gifford Geo Howland jr. N. Hervey Wilbur.
Benj H Kirby & Isaac C Cowen
Who are all present but one detained by illness.

The Term for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired at the proposition of the Representatives thro Geo. Howland jr. Robt B Taber was reappointed Clerk and E. T. Barker Ass^t Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment — Clerk appd

Our Friend Emeline C Tuttle was present with an Encouraging Gospel Message to us Bringing certificate from Dover Mo Mtg dated 4th mo 1885. Her company and labors [illegible] been acceptable to us here. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in a return Minute of her [illegible]. — Emeline C Tuttle

The Queries with Answers from the Mo Mtgs have been read and a Summary prepared which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the Treasurer

[illegible] informed that the Treasurer [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been duly receipted [illegible] the ~~Treasurer~~ [illegible] that the proportion of which has been paid the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint as our Representatives to the next Yearly Meeting. Geo Howland jr. [illegible] Gifford [illegible] Tillinghast [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Gifford [illegible] [illegible] Robt B Taber Thos A Tripp N. Hervey Wilbur. Geo R. Wood

The Committee to assist Friends in Attendance on the Yearly Mtg are continued in that service.

This meeting concurs with the Womens Meeting Clerk in the appointment of [illegible] [illegible] to the station of Minister of Elder — appt Elder

4 mo 1886 The Committee appointed to consider the Subject of providing refreshments at the Sessions of our Quar-

Refreshments terly Mtg. report that they are united in author-

[illegible] izing the Com. appointed by Sandwich Mo. Mtg to draw on our Treasurer for the Expense incurred at Falmouth.

Statistics. A consolidation of the Statistics shows the following which we direct to be incorporated in our report to the Yearly Mtg.

Total No Reported as members 3/1. 1885. 675

Added By	Birth	2			
	Convincement	3			
	Request	1	6		
Lost by	Death	20			
	Release	2			
	Removal	1	23	difference	17

Total No. reported 3/1. 1886 658

as follows.
Sandwich 135
Westport 62
Dartmouth 106
New Bedford 355 Total 658.

This meeting has been concerned in the welfare

Care to of the Society as reported at this time by our Mo.

be taken Meetings and is united in requesting that Especially

in ans to in the Answer to the 5th Query care be taken to report

Query 5. the number of Exceptions agreeably to the request of the Yearly Meeting and would suggest the forwarding of information of those [illegible] Exceptions have been made the subject of loving prayerful care and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this to the Com. at Mo. Mtgs.

The Clerk is directed to sign & forward the foregoing account to the Yearly Meeting. [illegible]

A [illegible] earnest awakening & hunger for a blessing in wait for the Church has been ours today.

Thankfully acknowledging the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst we adjourn to meet at Falmouth in the 7th mo next if the Lord will.

attest Rob B. Taber clerk

Summary of Answers to Queries.

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held Except on Nantucket with the exception of two omitted on acc of the inclement weather. These have been attended on First day by nearly all our Members while midweek meetings and those for discipline are somewhat neglected. Most Friends are careful in observing the hour and maintaining Good behaviour.

2 With few exceptions reported in one Mo. Mtg love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences are noted.

3 Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation and to train their Children and others under their care by Example and precept in accordance with our Christian profession.

4 The daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in the families of Friends, encouraging their children and others in this religious duty is common among us: Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry appears maintained Except in the report from one Mo Mtg.

5 The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is carefully avoided by Friends with four Exceptions Clear of indulging in Amusements and dancing inconsistent with a Christian Character with a few exceptions noted in one report Moderation is generally observed.

6 Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

7 Clear in the several parts of this Query

8 Clear

9 Our records are attended to. Some removals & some Complaints

4 mo 86. 10 We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially but, perhaps not always timely.

Account Return.

Letter to the Yearly Mtg.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Newport in the 6 mo next

Dear Friends.

We acknowledge the receipt of Copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1885 with reprints of the Epistle of London Yearly Mtg and the notice of Amendments to the Discipline and Minutes of advice which have been sent down to the Subordinate Meetings

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasr of your meeting

The membership of our meeting is as follows

Total Number 1885.			675
added by birth	2		
Certificate	3		
Request	1	6	
Loss by Death	20		
Disownment	1		
Release	2	23	17
Total Membership			658

Rebecca A. Gifford an Elder deceased 12 mo 10. 1885 aged 77 years. 3 mos 5 days

Moses Smith an Elder died 6 mo 14th. 1885 aged 81 yrs. 9 mos. 11 days

Isaac R Potter has been appointed Correspondent of Dartmouth Mo Mtg in place of Moses Smith deceased

We appoint as Representatives to your meeting Geo. Howland Jr. Jas. Ewer. Ephraim Gifford Ed. G. Dillingham Stephen R. Wing Gideon Gifford David N. Akin Arnold G. Tripp Robt B. Taber. Thos. A Tripp N. Hervey Wilbur. Geo. R. Wood

The following summary of the Answers to the Queries has been read and approved and is directed to be

535.

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4mo 86

forwarded to you

Taken from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4mo 1. 1886

Robt B. Taber Clerk

Note A memorandum was added to the above by the Clerk of the death of Wm C. Taber an Elder of New Bedford Mo Mtg., at the request of the Clerk of the Yearly meeting, the decease having taken place since the Compilation of above Statistics

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at Falmouth 7mo 8th 1886.

The Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

Sandwich. David Jelley Alvah Holway
Jas E. Gifford
Dartmouth. Nathl Howland Phillip A Cornell
Isaac R. Potter.
Westport
John A. Macomber Adrian Davis
New Bedford
Geo Howland Jr N. Hervey Wilbur John B. Baylies. Seth S. Swift
who are all present

In the absence of the Asst Clerk, Geo R. Wood was appointed to that service for the day.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended Except two one of whom was detained by illness.

The Clerk reported he had notified the several Mo. Mtgs, as directed in the 4th mo last

The Queries and answers to the 1st - 2 + 10th were read at this time.

4 M. M. The following Communication from the Yearly meeting was received and the Clerk is directed to forward to the Monthly Meeting the information in reference to the Foreign Mission Work and the Indian Committee

The Representatives report that they are united, in proposing that $1500 be raised for the use of this meeting the coming year and

Treasurer appd that Geo. R. Ward be continued under appointment as Treas^r which is unity with And he is directed to receive the different quotas of this sum from our Mo. Meetings to be paid him on or before the 1^st of 4^th mo next and pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the $1400.00 as called for

Robt B Taber Jos Ewer David Gifford Nath Howland Isaac R Potter John A. Macomber

Committee on Educat^n Thos. A Tripp were appointed a Com to act in conjunction with a similar Com of Women Friends to coöperate with the Yearly Mtgs Com on Education.

Jas D Hoxie appd Elder This meeting unites with Sandwich Mo Mtg in the appointment of Jas D Hoxie to the Station of Elder. In this the Womens Meeting concur.

At a Joint Session authorized at this

Wm and S T Thompson liberated for service in Iowa Western & Indiana Y.M. time our Bro & Sister in Christ Wm Thompson And his wife Susan T. Thompson presented a minutes from New Bedford Mo. Meeting liberating them for service in Iowa Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings in their Stations as Minister and Elder in the Church Much sympathy and Encouragement was offered them and the Clerks are directed to give our Endorsement upon their minutes

E T Larkin We record at this time the Company of Eliz J. Larkin a min^r of Gospel Work in our Yly Mtg Her Message & Company have been comforting to us

We have to day listened to a message directing us to the blessing of looking unto One divinely appointed to meet our Souls needs and have prayed together that Even today we may gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.

Adjourned to meet in Separate Session in Sandwich in the 10th mo next if the Lord will.

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Attest Robt B. Baker Clerk

Yly Mtg. Documents. received at this time

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting At the Yearly Mtg of Friends for New England held at Newport R I 6 mo 1885

It was concluded to raise for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year the Sum of $4000 four thousand dollars which our several Quarterly Meeting were directed to pay to Geo Howland Jr the Tr of that Meeting in their usual proportions on or before the 1st of 5mo next

Sandwich Quarterly Meetings Proportion 35% = $1400 00

By direction of the Meeting Signed W. O Newhall clerk

To Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Friends

By direction of the Yearly Meeting held at Newport in the 6 mo. our Mo. Mtgs were requested to appoint Com to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission work the coming year and said contributions are desired to be made as Early as the First Mo. next year

Mo Mtgs to aid Foreign Missions & Indian Work.

Also to appoint Com in Each Mo. Mtg. to aid the Indian Com in their work as last year

Attention is called to Minute #44 of the Printed Minutes in relation to the Suggestions of the Com on Education in regard to Quarterly Mtg Conferences and Statistics of Children of School age in Each of your meetings as will be seen by reference to the Report of the Com on Education in the minute aforesaid

By direction of the Meeting (signed) W. O. Newhall clerk

10 mo 86. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10 mo 7. 1886 –

By the account of the several Monthly Meetings the following representatives have been appointed to this Meeting.

Sandwich – Stephen R Wing, David K Akin, Jas S Hoxie.

Dartmouth – Gideon K Howland, Chas Fisher, Isaac R Potter.

Westport – Elbridge G Chace, Gideon Gifford.

New Bedford – Geo Howland Jr, John B Baylies.

Thomas S Stafford, Edw G Dillingham, who are present; in the absence of the clerk, Edw Dickinson appointed clerk, and Thos A Tripp assistant clerk for the day.

Stephen Cartland Certificate

Our beloved friend, Stephen Cartland, attended this Meeting with a certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible], expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagements. His company and gospel services have been truly acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the foregoing minute.

The queries, with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th, have been read at this time.

Com on Railway Arrangement.

We appoint Geo Howland Jr, Jno B Baylies, Nathaniel Howland and Jos Ewer a committee to make the necessary railway arrangements for the attendance of this meeting for the year ensuing,

Request to Representative Meeting

This Meeting is united in asking the Representative Meeting for its advice, in relation to the course to be pursued by clerks and correspondents of this meeting in signing returning certificates for ministers, in cases where doubts exist as to their unity with the Yearly Meeting

We have gratefully to acknowledge that the present has been an occasion of Divine favor, in which the gospel has been preached to our edification. Under a feeling of gratitude we conclude to meet in New Bedford in 12 mo next, if the Lord will.

Attest – E [illegible] Dickinson Clerk for the day

The following is a Minute of the Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at a Special Meeting of that body, held in Boston, Mass., Tenth Month, 16th, 1886, viz:

The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, recommends that our members maintain true and faithful loyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its injunctions, more especially in relation to the matter contained in Minute No. 56 of the Minutes of 1885, which is as follows, viz:

> "We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

And the Representative Meeting authorizes and directs that Subordinate Meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the Certificates or issue Returning Minutes for Ministers or others in cases in which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and directs the clerks and correspondents of such Subordinate Meetings to withhold their signatures from such Minutes, if issued or attempted to be issued.

The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the Church in the present emergency. It was the desire of the Meeting to uphold all that is good, while it testifies clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.

We therefore appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Richard Battey, Owen Dame, Hannah J. Bailey, Ellen K. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, George Howland, Jr., Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Lydia C. Neal and Reuben T. Jones,—a Committee to extend Christian care over the Subordinate Meetings of our Yearly Meeting, and to advise and assist in preventing such Ministers or others not in unity as above mentioned, from being received or endorsed by Friends or Subordinate Meetings, contrary to the concern of this Meeting and the intent of the preceding Minute.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
CLERK.

NORTH BERWICK, ME.,
10th mo., 20th, 1886.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford, 12 mo. 1 1889,- 12 mo. 1

The following representatives have been appointed to this Meeting - Sandwich, [illegible] Jas H Hoxie, David [illegible] Dartmouth, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Gideon H Howland.
Westport - Gideon Gifford, Geo Hussey Gifford.
New Bedford Jno B Bayliss, Isaac L Cowen, Geo Howland Jr, Thos H Stafford; who are present.

In the absence of the Clerk, Edw [illegible] was appointed Clerk, and Thomas A Tripp, assistant Clerk for the day.

Our dear Friends Jesse McPherson of Cane Creek Mo Meeting NC, and Chas W Goddard of Durham Mo Meeting, Maine attended this Meeting, with certificates from their respective Meetings, endorsed in the former case by Western Quarterly Meeting, NC, expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagement. Their company and gospel service have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the foregoing minute in relation to each. Jesse McPherson Minute & Chas W Goddard.

Henry H Newell, a member of the Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, attended this Meeting, in company with our friend Chas W Goddard with a certificate from Durham Mo Meeting. His company has been very acceptable to us. Henry H Newell.

We also have with us our dear Friend Eli Jones, and other members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Gospel Work, whose presence and services have been acceptable to us. Eli Jones &c.

The Queries, with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th, from all our Mo Meetings have been read at this time.

We unite with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of Elihu [illegible], Geo Hussey Gifford, Hannah H Gifford, Susan [illegible] and Lydia Gifford to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with New Bedford Mo Meeting in the appointment to the same Meeting of the following: viz. Appointment to Meeting on Ministry & Oversight

12 mo [illegible] John B [illegible], [illegible], Thomas [illegible], Geo C Wood. Wm H Gardner. Benj H Kirby. Joshua L Macomber, Sarah L Cartland, Phebe B Slocum, Susan M Seabury, [illegible], Mary [illegible], [illegible], Mary Hafford, Phebe S Delano, Charlotte E Gardner, and Sophronia Wyatt, the women's Meeting concurring herein. The clerk is directed to forward information of these appointments to the Yearly Meeting.

Dartmouth Mo Meeting having requested this Meeting to [illegible] the appointment of [illegible] in order that the quota of that Meeting may be [illegible] [illegible] in referring the matter to the Meeting of Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th mo next.

The subject of changing the time of our Quarterly Meeting usually held at this time to the ensuing first month of each year, having been introduced to us by New Bedford Mo Meeting, the clerk is directed [illegible] to lay this proposition before the several Mo Meetings, in order to obtain their preferences in the matter; and they are directed to report to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

Wm Thompson returned certificate Our dear Friend Wm Thompson returned to us our endorsement to the minute granted him by [illegible] Mo Meeting, in the [illegible] last, for religious service [illegible] expressed therein; and stated that he had been enabled with Divine help, to accomplish the service, which he had in contemplation to his own comfort.

Susan T Thompson Our dear Friend, Susan T Thompson, also returned the endorsement granted by this Meeting to the minute of New Bedford Mo Meeting, to accompany her husband, Wm Thompson in the above visit.

[illegible] returning minutes from [illegible] and [illegible] Yearly Meetings, and [illegible] Mo Meeting, Indiana, all of which [illegible] gratifying and satisfactory to this Meeting.

We have recd from the Representative Meeting, copies of a minute emanating from a special meeting of that body, in the 10 month last, directing the course to be pursued in subordinate Meetings in furnishing returning minutes to, or receiving certificates from ministers, where doubt exists as to their unity with our Yearly Meeting; which have been sent down in usual proportion to our Mo Meetings. The Clerk is directed to enter it upon the records of this Meeting.

Minute of Representative Mtg. read

Minute of the Representative Meeting, adopted at a special Meeting of that body in Boston, Tenth mo. 16. 1885 ---

Minute

The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, recommends that no member countenance in any way disloyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its regulations, more especially in relation to the matter contained in Minute No. 56 of the Minutes of 1885, (Which see in minutes of this Quarterly Meeting 7 mo 1885) -

And the Representative Meeting authorizes and directs that subordinate Meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the Certificates issued [illegible] Minutes for Ministers or others in cases in which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and directs the clerks and correspondents of such Subordinate Meetings to withhold their signatures from such Minutes, if issued or attempted to be issued.

The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the Church in the present emergency. It was the desire of the Meeting to uphold all that is good, while it testifies clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.

[illegible] We thereby appoint Benj [illegible], Richard Potter, Ann Dame, Hannah J Bailey, Ellen K Buffum, Tim B Hussey, Geo Howland Jr, Susan T Thompson, Anna S Ward, Lydia C Neals and Reuben T Jones — a Committee to extend Christian care over the Subordinate Meetings of our Yearly Meeting, and to advise and assist in preventing such Ministers or others of [illegible] views as above mentioned from being received or endorsed by Friends or Subordinate Meetings, contrary to the concern of this Meeting, and the intent of the preceding Minute.

(Signed) Tim B Hussey; Clerk

No Berwick, Me.

✓ 10 mo 20. 1886.

The present has been an occasion of unusual favor. The gospel has been clearly and fully delivered; and the ministering of Divine Love has been plainly manifest.

We conclude, to meet in New Bedford, in the fourth mo next, if Providence permit.

attest — Edw T Tucker

Clerk for the day.

4 mo 1887 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford, 4 mo 7, 1887.

The following Representatives have been appointed to this Meeting

From Sandwich — Stephen R Wing, David Kelley & Jas E Gifford;

from Dartmouth — Henry A Slocum, Edw H Winslow & David H Potter;

from Westport — Henry E Davis and Geo Hussey Gifford;

from New Bedford — Edw T Dillingham, John B Baylies, Arnold G Tripp and Geo Howland Jr; who are present.

The time for which the clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired, Geo Howland Jr on behalf of the Representatives, proposed Edw T Tucker for

E T Tucker app'd Clerk. A G Tripp Assistant clerk, which was united with; and Thomas A[illegible] Tripp for assistant clerk, which was also united with; and they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until a new appointment.

The queries with answers from all our Mo Meetings have been read at this time, and a summary of the [illegible] prepared, which is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends, Geo Howland Jr, Edw W. Wilkinson, Arnold [illegible] Tripp, Jos Tucker, Gideon [illegible], [illegible] Macomber, David Kelley, David [illegible] Potter, Stephen R. Wing, Wm H. Gardner & John C. [illegible], whom we appoint Representatives to that Meeting.

We unite with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of Gideon Gifford and Elizabeth A. Taylor to the station of Elder; with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Lucy [illegible] Kelley to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, & with Dartmouth Mo Meeting in the appointment of Henry A. Slocum, David [illegible] Potter, Susan R. [illegible], Hannah [illegible] and Sarah [illegible] Potter to the same Meeting, the women's Meeting concurring in these appointments. The clerk is directed to lay this information before the Yearly Meeting.

Appointment of Elders— Gideon Gifford E A Taylor

Appointment to Mtg on Ministry & Oversight.

Our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion of stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting, and our quota has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Stock.

Jas C. Gifford, Gideon Frood, Henry A. [illegible], Arnold [illegible] Tripp, Edw T Tucker, Gideon Gifford and Stephen R. Wing are appointed to assist [illegible] in limited circumstances, who desire to attend the Yearly Meeting, and draw upon the Treasurer for the amount expended.

Com. to assist to Y.Mtg.

The clerk is directed to procure a book for the records of this Meeting, and draw on the Treasurer for the amt.

Record Book.

4 mo 1887

Having all the meetings again laid before us the subject of a new apportionment of stock, we are united in referring the whole matter to the Yearly Meeting and request them to take under consideration a new apportionment for the several Quarterly Meetings.

Apportionment of stock referred to Y. Meeting.

We unite, the women's Meeting concurring, in requesting our Yearly Meeting to define precisely, what the duties of Elders specifically are, and also what are the duties of remaining members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, other than Ministers

The following account to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, which the clerk is directed to sign and forward on our behalf.

Account to Y.M.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to be held at Portland, Maine, in the 6 mo next.

Dear Friends

A summary of the answers to the queries from our several Monthly Meetings has been prepared at this time, representing the present condition of our Meeting, which we forward by our friends Geo Howland Jr, Edw T Dillingham, Arnold [illegible] Tripp, Jos Ewer, Gideon Wood, Joshua L Macomber, David Kirby, David H Potter, Stephen R Wing, Wm H Gardner and John C Taylor, whom we appoint our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

We have received during the last year the printed minutes of your Meeting for 1886, the reprint of the London Gen Epistle for the same year, copies of a pamphlet on "War" issued by the Representative Meeting, and also copies of printed minute of the Representative Meeting adopted at a special session of that body in Boston in the 10 month 1886, relating especially to the matter contained in minute No 56 of the minutes of 1885, all of which have been [illegible] from records of 11 mo 188[illegible]

William C. Taber, an Elder and member of New Bedford Mo Meeting, deceased 3 mo 23, 1886, aged 89 years 27 days.

Betsy [illegible] an Elder and member of the same Mo Meeting, deceased 8 mo 18. 18[illegible] aged 90 years, 7 mo, 10 d.

Attest, [illegible] Clerk.

sent down to our subordinate meetings, and the [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] our records, and the records of those meetings.

We have united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] to the station of Elder; with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Elizabeth A Taylor to the same station.

We have united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of one Friend, with Dartmouth Mo Meeting in the appointment of two Friends, with Westport Mo Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Friends and with New Bedford Mo Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Friend to the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

William C Taber, an Elder and member of New Bedford Mo Meeting, deceased 3 mo 23, 1886, aged 89 years, 27 d.

Betsey [illegible], an Elder and member of the same Mo Meeting, deceased 8 mo 8, 1886, aged 90 years, 7 m, 0 d.

We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings.

We also request of your meeting to define precisely what the duties of Elders specifically are, and also what are the duties of the [illegible] members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, other than ministers.

The following statistical information is herewith [illegible]

Whole number reported last year 658

Admissions – By Birth 3
By certif 3
By request 2
Total 8
Decrease in the year 26

Losses – Disownment 1
By Certif 5
Released 1
By death 27
Total 34 26

Total present membership 632

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Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4 mo. 7, 1887.

(Signed) Edw. T. Tucker, Clerk.

Wm & S T Thompson proposed service in Europe concurred

Our dear friends, William and Susan T. Thompson having introduced to this Meeting their concern, a prospect for religious service, within the limits of the Yearly Meeting of London and Ireland, & also for other service, as set forth in a minute granted by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which has been read, our sympathy and unity was feelingly extended to them in this important concern, & the clerks are directed to place the following endorsement upon the foregoing certificate. —

"The within Certificate granted by the New Bedford Monthly Meeting to our beloved friends, William Thompson and Susan T. Thompson after deliberate consideration is fully approved by this Meeting.
They are lovingly commended to the care and guidance of our Heavenly Father.

The clerks are directed to endorse this minute on their Certificate and sign it on our behalf.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in New Bedford, Mass. U.S.A., on the 7th of 4th mo, 1887.

(Signed) Edward T. Tucker
Rebecca S. Owen } Clerks"

Statistics.

The following statistical information has been compiled from the reports of our Monthly Meetings.

Admissions		Losses		Number of members	
By Birth	3	By Disownment	1	reported last year	658
By Certif	3	By Certif	5		
By Request	2	By Death	27	Deduct	26
		By Release	1		
Total	8	Total	34	Present number	632

Showing a loss of 26

We acknowledge with gratitude the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father. Our business has been transacted in harmony and love.

We conclude, to meet in Falmouth in the 7th mo. next, if the Lord will.

Attest, Edw T Tucker, Clerk.

Summary Answers to Queries, 4 mo 1887.

1. All meetings for religious worship & discipline are regularly held, with one exception at Nantucket in a part of the year. The meetings held on First days are duly attended by most Friends, while mid week meetings & meetings for discipline are attended by few. Some Friends are still careless in observing the hour. Generally clear of unbecoming behaviour. —

2. Love and unity are maintained amongus with little exception, Detraction is generally guarded against. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them —

3. We believe Friends are desirous to maintain a religious life and conversation, but we fear some Friends are not as careful, as would be best in training up their children in accordance with our Christian profession. —

4. We believe that Friends, with a few exceptions, frequently read in the Holy Scriptures, as well as encourage their children and those under their care in the due practice of the [illegible]. We know not but a free gospel Ministry is maintained —

5. The use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is confined to five individuals, in one Monthly Meeting, as far as known. Friends are careful, with few exceptions, to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation, —

6. Clear. —

7. Clear, with little exception in one Monthly Meeting in uniting with others in a public school. —

8. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query. —

9. Our records are attended to. Some removals without Certificat

10. The discipline is impartially administered in Christian tenderness, but perhaps not always timely. —

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Children

	School Age (4 to 21)	Between 12 & 21	Attending School	At Schools Taught or controlled by Friends
Sandwich	9	4	5	0
Dartmouth	5	5	2	1
Westport	13	5	10	3
New Bedford	43	29	31	6
	70	43	48	10

Apportionment of
Documents – 1887.

N Bedford	54 %
Sandwich	20 %
Dartmouth	16 %
Westport	10 %
	100 %

290 minutes

New Bedford	150
Sandwich	60
Dartmouth	50
Westport	30
	290